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School Expenditures in Oregon
and the Territories. Census 1880,
And the amount Alaska would receive on the same
ratio.

State or Territory	Popula- tion	No. of Teachers.	Salary Teachers.	Total School Expenditures	Per Pupil
Oregon	174,768	1,141	\$ 212,346	\$ 316,885	\$ 1.81
Washington	75,116	532	95,592	112,615	52,150
Arizona	40,440	101	56,744	61,172	52,850
Dakota	135,177	520	81,311	183,257	47,250
Idaho	32,610	129	33,421	38,411	40,950
Montana	39,159	167	53,785	68,002	60,550
Utah	143,963	434	130,187	170,887	41,300
Wyoming	20,789	70	25,894	28,574	47,850
New Mexico.	119,565	164	28,082	28,973	8,400

Other Expenditures in Cities with a
Population about the same as Omaha.

Source Educational Report 1883 '4

Name	1880 Population	No. of Teachers	Salaries of Teachers.	Expended for School Buildings	Total
Oakland, Cal.	34,555	140	\$ 126,864	\$ 7,845	164,453
Savannah, Ga.	30,700	175	72,425		49,395
Peoria, Ill.	31,086	106	48,515	10,653	104,441
Portland, Me.	33,810	139	60,673	6,997	91,144
Springfield, Mass.	33,340	124	79,564	9,437	118,734
Grand Rapids, Mich.	32,016	97	55,873	36,604	124,210
St. Joseph, Mo.	32,431	78	43,577	22,635	87,631
Omaha, Neb.	30,578	83	49,423	32,262	134,178
Manchester, N.H.	32,630	85	40,904	13,400	68,097
Utica, N.Y.	33,914	147	58,605	4,253	83,175
Harrisburg, Pa.	30,762	115	53,775	10,893	95,367
Memphis, Tenn.	33,592	68	33,162		47,390
Wheeling, W. Va.	30,737	98	42,510	35,541	90,025

	Salaries.				
1. Ketchikan	1,500	100			
2. Sitka	1,500	100			
3. Haines	2,200	100	100		
4. Delta	800	100			
5. " "	800	150			
6. Wrangell	1,000	100			
7. Grading	1,500	100	300		3,000
8. Klutuck	1,500	100	300		3,000
9. Jackson	800	100	300		
10. Kodiak	1,500	150	100	250	
11. Afognak	1,500	200	100	350	
12. Unga	1,500		100	350	
13. Kenai	1,500	200	100	350	
14. Belkoffsky	1,500		100	350	3,000
15. Unalaska	1,500	150	100	200	
16. Atka	1,500	200	100	400	
17. Bethel	1,500		100	400	
18. Yukon	1,500		100	400	
	23,900	1,050	1,800	4,150	17,000

Total with salary of Comm. agent.

Washington D.C.
April 8th 6

Mrs A. E. Gray Episcopal Church
 No 14 Tremont Temple Boston

Madam

Rev Dr Morhouse of New York
 has sent me the name of W. E. Roscoe
 of Mattole, Humboldt Co. California as
 teacher for Kadiak And suggests that
 you Ladies will take up Mrs Roscoe as
 your missionary.

I write to call your attention to
 the fact that they will need sail from
 San Francisco on May 10th & consequent-
 ly whatever you have in your heart to
 do for them, must be done promptly
 — very promptly; as you have only about
 two weeks to act in.

Moreover they will probably not
 be able to hear from you but once

After they sail, between May 10th 1886
And May 1887.

The Lord place it in your
heart & power to devise liberal things.

Yrly yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
April 8th 6

Hon John Eaton
 Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

The sub Committee of the House
 has given no special attention yet to the
 Legislative Bill, in which is contained
 the "Fund for the Education of Children in
 Alaska" All ^{with} whom I have con-
 versed on the subject seem to think that
 there will be no opposition to giving the
 \$25,000 called for by the estimates, but
 there will be much difficulty in having
 it increased to \$50,000. It is also quite
 probable that the Senate would vote \$37,000
 if there was a reasonable probability that
 the House would yield in the Conference.
 I have used the utmost diligence
 all winter to make as many friends as

possible. *for Alaska* The number of illustrated reports on Alaska that are passing through the Government Printing Office are attracting considerable attention to that Country.

Among the latest is Lieut Schwatka's Raft Journey down the Yukon. Sen Ex Doc No 2. 48th Congress, 2^d Session, with 39 wood cuts and 20 maps.

Then next week my report will be out with two superior maps and 20 illustrations. My report is all in type (and nearly all printed) save the index, which will be in type to-day. I added to it full statistical tables of the schools, which make a good showing from Sept 85 to Feb 1st/86. with a summary of Monthly Attendance.

When I can have it, to lay before the Sub Committee of appropriations. I propose interviewing them.

Our friends in Congress assure me that the reason no money was voted last session, was on the ground that nothing

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had been done with the previous \$25-000, and then was nothing to show that more money was needed. That now with our showing of between 500 and ~~600~~ 600 pupils in school. there will be no difficulty in securing the sum named in the estimates & possibly more.

The \$15000 for Training Schools in Alaska in the Estimates of the Indian Bureau went through the House without any difficulty in the Indian Appropriation Bill. and has not much to fear in the Senate.

The only Steamer from San Francisco by which our Teachers can reach their fields in Western Alaska leaves about May 10th.

The Rev Dr Mowhouse recommends as the representative of the Baptist Church Prof W. E. Roscoe. Upper Mattole, Humboldt Co. Cal. He has a wife & one child - "Is young, healthy, has first grade certificate, is an earnest Christian, full of facts & -"

He goes to Kodiak.

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Rev Dr Langford of the Protestant Episcopal Church Miss' Soc. has appointed Rev Cestarius Parker & wife of Eugene Oregon to go to St. Michael as teacher.

Rev Dr A. S. Haygood recommends as the representatives of the M. E. Church South. Prof Henry C. Carney & wife of the College at Oxford Ga. and Rev W. J. Reed & wife (to be) of the present graduating Class of that institution. One will go to Unga, & the other to Belkowsky.

Rev Dr Reid, Missionary Secretary of the M. E. Ch. (North) & Rev Dr Spencer of Grant Memorial University, Athens Ga. recommend for the M. E. Ch North, Mr Charles W. Miller of Alabama. He is in the graduating Class at Athens and marries a superior teacher. He himself is a good teacher.

Thus the way is opening up for the four great Churches - Episcopal, Baptist, Methodist North & South.

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The Women of the Methodist & Baptist Churches in and around Boston, through their respective Woman's Home Missionary Societies, are much interested in these Movements and will probably pay the Travelling Expenses of the teachers.

I will be so glad when you come, for what is to be done for Western Alaska this year, must be arranged in the next few days.

Kind regards to your family

Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Reliable information received from Gov Swineford's home in Michigan, represents him as a man that drinks & gambles, sometimes to excess, and also ~~very~~ immoral in his habits. Perhaps that will account for his opposition to me. Poor Alaska! to be cursed with another such Governor -

Washington D.C.
 April 9th 6

Rev Henry L. Merhouse
 Sec

Dear Sir

Yours of the 8th is received.
 The Alaska Commercial Co, who do the
 larger portion of the business of Western
 Alaska have a fleet of two steamers and
 several sailing vessels. One steamer
 sailed direct to Unalaska & Kodiak
 on the 15th of April. And remains up in
 those waters cruising between their trading
 posts. The second steamer leaves about
 May 10th and goes to Kodiak Unalaska
 & Bering Sea. The sailing vessels leave
 at different times to suit the convenience
 of the Company. And will carry mails &
 freight but do not have much accom-
 modations for passengers.

Then about the 15th of Sept their

Steamer leaves San Francisco again on what they call their cleaning up trip.

If the teacher was to wait until Sept, he would reach Unalakka about Oct 1st. From there he would be trans-

ferred to another vessel to go across to Kodiak. He might go directly or he might be detained two or three weeks.

It would be the season of Equinoctial storms. And he might not reach Kodiak until the last of October. It would take him two or three weeks to make his house comfortable & get his family fixed for winter & school would not commence until in November -

Now it will be much better for him to hurry up for the May Steamer & have July & August to get settled in & commence school at the usual time in September.

While there are but few ^{opportunities} ~~conveniences~~ for passengers getting between San Francisco and Kodiak, he can get mail & supplies

More frequently - they bring sent on the sailing vessels, that have no permit or accommodations for passengers.

It is true that Kodiak is not very accessible at present, but it is far more so, than the fields taken by the Episcopalians, Moravians and Methodists (South)

Further, probably within a year there will be a regular ~~mail~~ monthly mail line from Sitka to Kodiak. At least such action is being pressed on the Department.

Upon the receipt of your letter the other day I telegraphed Mr Roscoe that he was appointed teacher & to be ready to sail May 10th.

He can survey the ground for you and report. and perhaps by the time you get ready to establish a mission there, Kodiak will have regular communication with the outside world.

The field that Dr Leekie left is

Supplied. - two Presbyterian preachers in
the pulpit, and a Roman Catholic woman
in the school room.

I Consider Kodiak the best field
in Alaska - and hope Mr Roscoe can
go -

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Methodist Episcopal Church

Methodists

Washington D.C.

April 9 6

Mrs L. H. Daygett

287 Bunker Hill St. Boston

Madam

Mr G. B. Hyde has sent word that he declines Alaska -

We have appointed Mr Charles W. Miller of the graduating Class of Grant Memorial University. Athens Tenn & Commended to us by Dr Vance, President of the University.

Mr Miller marries a lady who is a superior teacher. They are both Members of your Church. There may doubt about his going. Terms to be the Matter of Travelling Expenses. Can not your Ladies appoint Mrs Miller as your Missionary & Bible Reader in Alaska - and send them \$250, or \$500 to help them get started.

From the fact that he is just finishing his College Course, & she has been teaching I assume they have nothing. A good large box of good bedding, blankets, towels, Sheets, pillow slips &c. &c. I presume will be very acceptable. I have no doubt but if ~~that~~ some of your wealthy ladies would start out in their Carriages, they would secure in one afternoon Supplies that would save the young Couple many dollars if they had to purchase out & out.

Any family you would call upon can spare them a pair of good warm woollen blankets, so many pairs of Sheets, or set of Knives & forks - or plated spoons, or the hundred and one things the ladies know so well how to provide -

If Men & Women are found willing to exile themselves in that Country, surely those that remain at home in comfort, should see that those that go have everything that is necessary.

At many places you would call

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They will give you \$5, \$10 + \$20 in cash.
A Canvass of one or two Afternoons among
your Boston Methodists for your first
Missionary to Alaska, would I know
raise travelling Expenses & an outfit.

It is a popular field, & I think you
will be surprised at the ready response
you will receive.

But what you do must be done
very promptly, for the vessel sails from
San Francisco May 10 — The time to get
supplies across the Continent is short.

Perhaps in the fall, if Congress
gives us a larger appropriation, we will
want one or two more teachers from you.
Consequently be on the lookout.

I am so pressed with business &
the time is so short, that I regret to say
I can not come to Boston this spring.
The Lord help you & bless you in all your
plans.

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 9th 6

Rev Octavius Parker

Eugene Oregon

Dear Sir

Yours of March 30th + 31st are received.
I would advise you to take all your bedding
and furniture sufficient for three rooms.

You have probably been in a new country
long enough to know that you can change
your packing boxes into Cupboards, and
various kinds of furniture.

If your stoves are in good condition
I would take them along. The fact is
if you sell off your things, you will get
very little for them. So that whatever you
need to make you & yours comfortable, you
had better take along. If you can have
a clerk from a hardware store pack
your stoves, I would box them. And pack
them full of necessary articles, as might

on the steamer is according to Cubic feet-
Measurement & not according to weight.
Have everything packed as snugly as possible.
You had better provide a good stock of warm
woolen underclothing. You will need to wear
it winter & summer. Your whole family
will need rubber boots, also coats & cloaks;
As there is much rain in summer -

It will give me pleasure to assist you
what I can in your purchases at San
Francisco. You can consign your
goods & have your mail sent to the
Care of the Alaska Commercial Co.
310 Sansome St. San Francisco Cal.
Your address hereafter will be
Your name

St. Michael Alaska
Care of Alaska Commercial Co. 310
~~San~~ Sansome St. San Francisco Cal.

I would advise you to take a letter
to the Bishop or some prominent
Episcopal Recor in San Francisco -
It will be well for the San Francisco

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Episcopalians to know you personally. Some of them may be in business & will furnish you necessary articles at greatly reduced rates. Then they will take a greater interest in your field and send you various things. It will also be convenient to know some one in S.F. who will do your shopping for you -

The Alaska Commercial Co. have agreed to furnish the teachers from their stores, supplies on the same terms that they give them to their employees. This will be a great help.

When you reach San Francisco leave your address where you can be found at the Alaska Commercial Co's Office & I will hunt you up -

For reasons that I will explain when I see you, I do not care to have it known that I am going with you, or will be in San Francisco - Kind regards to Mrs. P. -
 Your Bro in Christ
 (over) Sheldon Fountain
 General Agent.

As you will have no physician at-
St Michael, it is important to lay in a
stock of simple medicines, liniments
&c. &c. Also a "Family Physician" or
some general medical book -

Baptist

Washington D.C.

April 9th 6

Prof W. E. Roscoe

Upper Mattote, California

Dear Sir

Rev Henry L. Morehouse Esq.
 Secretary of Amc Baptist Home Miss Soc
 Sent me your name as a suitable location
 for Kodiak Alaska and as the time
 was short I had you appointed and
 telegraphed you the fact

Kodiak is the pleasantest place
 in Alaska. It has the best Climate
 and a good future. It was once the
 Capital of Russian America & had a
 School or two supported by the Russian
 Government. The people speak the
 Aleutian language and are members
 of the Russ Greek Church - I have mailed
 you a copy of Petroff's Alaska, that will
 give you considerable information

The Government proposes opening there a public school to be taught in the English language. The school year consists of 4 terms of 10 weeks each - and 5 days to the week.

For teaching the school you will be paid a salary of \$1500. per year. The Government does not pay your travelling expenses to the field, nor supply you with a residence.

The Government provides a school room, with the necessary desks, stove, lamps, books, Charts &c. &c. fuel, oil &c.

We have asked Congress for an appropriation to build Teacher's residences but it is doubtful, whether they grant it. Certainly not, in time to help us this season.

However you can live on \$1000 or less up there, so that you can lay up money.

There is no regular mail there.

An effort will be made to have a monthly mail line between Sitka & Kodiak.

In the mean time the Alaska Commercial Co's vessels take in a mail two or three times during the summer.

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Their 1st Steamer left for Kodiak April 13th.

On May 10th the 2^d Steamer leaves San Francisco for Unalaska & from there you take another vessel to Kodiak -

During the Summer some sailing vessels ply back & forth. They will take mail & freight, but I understand have no accommodations for passengers.

Then on the 10th of Sept. a 3^d Steamer leaves San Francisco for Unalaska -

The question probably rises in your mind, why can I not wait until Sept. boat?

There is this difficulty. You will then reach Unalaska the latter part of September. From thence you take a sailing vessel to Kodiak. and it is the time of the equinoctial storm, which makes it an unpleasant and dangerous trip.

Then you might be delayed at Unalaska for two or three weeks before a vessel would sail for Kodiak.

You would reach your field in October
The short days of winter will have commenced
Winter storms will be on you - A house
is to be looked up, rented, repaired (prob-
ably) & set in order for comfortable living
and you would not be in shape to com-
mence school before November or later.

Now if you hurry up this spring
& reach the May steamer, you will
make your journey in summer, and
have July & August, pleasant months, &
long days to get settled & then com-
mence school at the usual time in
September. It is every way more
desirable for you & for us.

The Alaska Commercial Co who
has a store at Kodiak has kindly
offered to furnish the teacher supplies
from the store, at the same rate they
give to their own employees - This
makes prices reasonable.

Now if you are house keeping

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I would advise you to take all your bedding & Carpets. And furniture for at least three rooms. Also take your Stoves if they are in good condition. Have the Stoves well packed in boxes & fill the boxes as full as possible, for freight on the ocean is according to bulk (Cubic feet) and not weight. Have all your freight packed ~~as~~ compactly as possible.

Take a good supply of woollen under-clothing with you. You will need it both winter & summer - Also rubber boots & Cloaks or coats, for there is much rainy weather. Consign all your freight & mail to "Alaska Commercial Co 310 Sansome St. San Francisco Cal." And your P.O. Address will be
 W. E. Roscoe

Kadiak Alaska
 Care Alaska Commercial Co
 310 Sansome St. San Francisco Cal.

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Please keep me posted, if you leave
Lepper Mattole, ^{with} your address, so that I
can telegraph you any time that it may be
necessary. I hope to meet you in San
Francisco & go up to Unalaska ^{with you}
but please say nothing about it to ^{but your wife} anyone.
When you reach San Francisco please register
at the Alaska Commercial Co's Office, so that
I will know where to find you -

If necessary to communicate with
us by telegraph, do so at the expense of this
Office. If you write me, address letter
to "345 North Kellogg St. Salsburg Ill"
where I expect to spend a few days before
leaving for San Francisco.

Mrs Gray. Asst. Secretary of the Baptist
Woman's Home Mission Soc Boston Mass
writes me that the Ladies will offer to take
up your wife as their Alaska Missionary
and do something for you -

The instruction in the school room is
of course unsectarian, but outside of

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the School you will have abundant opportunity of usefulness.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

The Steamer (Alaska Commercial Co's Steamer St Paul) may leave a day or two before or after May 10th according to their business -

If you receive this by the 16th telegraph me at Bureau of Education, Washington D.C. If after the 16th then to "345 North Kellogg St Salsburg Ill" and let me know whether you are preparing to meet me at San Francisco. I expect 4 other teachers & their wives to accompany us on that vessel -

Methodist Episcopal

Washington D.C.

April 9th 6

Rev John Reid D.D.

Sec M.E.Ch. Missⁿ Soc

Dear Sir

Your letter is before me. I have written Mr Elkins and return you his letter.

Do you know whether Mr Elkins has any gift as teacher? That of course is the first consideration of the Government

To be a good successful teacher is the first thing, then a healthy body and consistent Christian Character ^{in addition} ~~follows~~ is greatly desired.

You know it would not do for us to send out there a poor teacher, no matter how good a man he might be in other things, or how eloquent & successful he might be as a minister.

We will send Mr Miller this spring if he will go. Then if you can find

us one or two more for next fall or the Spring of 1887 we will gladly send them out. If you will give me the address of ~~the~~ some of the good men that you have on your Alaska list, I will open a correspondence with them, with reference to their going out as Government teachers next fall or spring. And will station them in the region centering around Unalaska as far as possible.

I am sorry that I lighted upon your Mexican Candidates. I simply took the first I heard of, that seemed to have the necessary qualifications.

Dr Spence was in our office, Heraring that we were looking for men, placed me in correspondence with Mr Miller.

I was in New York a few hours some two weeks ago and fully expected to see you about teachers, but was prevented from getting around - Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 9th 6

Rev L. W. Elkins

Box 65. Ironville, Crawford Co. Pa

Dear Sir

Yours of Oct 5th 1885 has been forwarded me by Dr Reid, Sec of the Missionary Soc of M. E. Ch.

What experience and success have you had in teaching a public school?

The Government is sending teachers into Alaska to conduct the usual non-sectarian school.

If you have the requisite qualifications for a teacher perhaps you might like to teach for a year or two. While you are learning the language & getting acquainted with the people. By that time perhaps your Missionary Soc might be ready to set you to work & you could resign from the Government employ.

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And enter that of the Missionary Soc.

If you have the requisite qualification
ie - Can secure a first Class or grade State
or County Certificate to teach in the public
Schools, perhaps the Government will
send you to one of the Aleutian Islands
this fall or next Spring.

We have all the teachers we can pay
for this Spring.

Write your Congressman to vote a
large School Appropriation for Alaska
The more funds we have, the more teachers
we can send out.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 9th 1

Rev J. H. Mc Clurkin

Minister Coll

New Wilmington Pa

Dear Sir

A Mr W. J. Mc Lennan of the College has written to this Bureau for Employment as Teacher in Alaska

Can you give me any information concerning his qualifications.

Has he ever taught? What his record?
Has he the make up of a successful teacher?
What is his age? Is he married or likely to be? Has he robust health?
Does he win friends? Is he a Christian?
Please let me know about him.

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Central Bldg.

Washington D.C.
 April 9th 6

Hon John Eaton

Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

Senator Dolph has introduced
 a bill into Congress Making the Governor
 Ex Officio Sup^t of Indian Schools in Alaska
 I will do what I can to defeat it.

In my letter last evening I neglected
 to say that Dr Hays good wanted me to tele-
 graph at once, whether we would take
 the young men. The time being so short
 and the places having previously been
 agreed upon between us, so that I knew
 your mind, and as they belonged to
 Lee Sam's friends, I telegraphed that
 we would send them. Also agreed
 to take one teacher, recommended by
 Dr Reid & Dr Shenee (Mr Chas D. Wilson)
 & the Mr. E. Ch North, and me, (Mr H.

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E. Roscoe) recommended by Rev Dr
Morehouse of New York. There seems
to be some doubt to-day whether the latter
will accept. If he does not, I will make
no effort to supply his place until you
come -

Ex Judge McAllister of Alaska is
still in Washington & Gov Swineford
is expected.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 10th 6

Mr. Charles W. Miller

Altheus Linn

Dear Brother

Yours of yesterday is before me. I think that Dr Spence can find some one who will advance you, your travelling expenses, and you can repay them out of your salary -

The Government pays your travelling expenses in your salary -

My first proposition was to pay the Alaska teachers \$100 per month and allow them \$300 for travelling expenses.

The Commissioner of Education, preferred to include the travelling expenses in salary, (\$1200 salary + \$300 travelling expenses makes \$1500 in all) and consequently authorized me to offer \$1500.

For the first year this amounts to

the same thing. The second & each succeeding year the teacher is \$500 better off under this arrangement than the one first proposed.

I wrote you that Mr Hyde had concluded to go to Mexico & that that left Unalakka open to you, if you wished it.

Let me hear promptly what we may expect -

Your Bro in Christ -

Sheldon Jackson

It is possible that we can secure for you the position of Signal Service Lt. Senior at Unalakka, which will still further increase your revenue - If you would you like it?

Washington D.C.

April 10th 6

Mr Hubert R. Johnson

Room 32. Memorial Hall. Allegheny Pa

Dear Brother

I was over to New York week before last, and they intimated to me that if you would apply to be sent as Missionary to Alaska, that the Board of Home Missions would probably send you.

When I wrote you last I supposed that they would not send two new men to Alaska this Spring, but it seems that I was mistaken. As we greatly need two, I write you, that if you have not made positive engagements that you write them (& me), asking to be sent - Address Drs Kendall & Robert P.O. Box 1938. New York, N.Y.

Ever Bro in Christ

William Jackson

Washington D.C.

April 10

Prof Wm Libby Jr

Princeton N.J.

Dear Friend

Yours is received. Do

I understand you could go on an
Alaska Expedition this summer, or
that of 1887. If the latter, there is no
need of moving in the matter before
next fall. The Revenue Steamer
for this season leaves about May 1st.

Kind regards to Mrs Libby

Very Yours

William Jackson

L. C. Church

Washington D.C.
 April 10 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett

Boston Mass

Madam

Have to-day had a letter from
 Rev. L. F. Arms concerning Alaska.
 As he has had but little experience and
 no Normal training for a teacher I have
 declined him

Can you Ladies not raise some
 money to help Mr Chas W. Miller of
 Athens Tenn pay his travelling expenses.
 Hee says he can not go, unless some
 one helps him get there.

Nearly all the other teachers have their
 travelling expenses paid by the Denomin-
 ations to which they belong! Are the M.
 E. people willing to fall behind?

As Mr Hoyle has declined & we
 are free to commence from the beginning

in search of a 2^d teacher, let us have
a real normal trained teacher, who com-
bines both Experience & theory of the best Method
of teaching. As it will be too late to
get an entirely new man ready for May
10th, you can have all summer to find
some one to go out Sept 10th perhaps -

We will not pledge ourselves to send
any one out on Sept 10th, as it will be
dependent on the Appropriation of Con-
gress. If they give us what is needed
we will be ready to send out others in
the fall -

But in your inquiries please rem-
ember that a normal training is essential.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

April 10 1886

Rev G. F. Arms

Wilmington N.C.

Dear Brother

Yours of April 8th is received.

I return you the endorsement as we are
looking for normal trained teachers.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

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Washington D.C.
 April 10th 6

Prof ^{Mr} A. Kelly
 Sitka Alaska

Dear Bro -

I have mailed you a quantity
 of drawing paper & assorted pencils, please
 divide them among the three schools at
 Sitka.

I have also sent copies of Elliott's Seal
 Islands to the three schools - Also Petroff's
 Alaska to the three schools, Also a copy for
 several of the teachers

You had better make a new requisition
 to the Board at New York for Boy's Uniform
 suits. Also keep asking for a team until
 you get it - Keep writing for a shoemaker
 until you obtain him - I believe they
 have voted to allow one, but you will
 have to keep writing month after month or
 it will be overlooked - If you can find

one & send his name in to the Board, they will doubtless appoint him at once.

I fear Madhams has sent you too much grass seed - If so perhaps you had better keep some & sow again in the fall -

The Board has Commissioned two Ladies (one for Laundry & one for Sewing Room) for Sitka. I presume they will go up on the same boat with this letter.

You must keep asking for everything you really need, not only once, but twenty times if necessary - Must keep asking until you obtain it. The Board is used to that.

If the Board will not go up to 900 \$ on Mr Heaton's salary, then you had better pledge it, out of funds raised by school work. And if it does not come in that way, I will help you -

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

April 10

Miss Clara A. Gould

Jackson Alaska

Dear Friend

Ever of course I am
 I will publish your account
 of Kuping School with 6 babies -
 I will try to send you more clothing
 I have sent you assorted pencils, paper
 & books - Also Petry's Alaska -
 Elliott's Seal Islands - Also a quantity
 of labels - So far as they will be of use
 Please write ~~that~~ "Jackson" upon them
 and paste them in the first School
 and School books -

By next month hope to be able to
 send you my printed reports, containing
 Statistics of your School, except for next
 month, which never reached me -

Please make your reports for next month

Month Separately - for instance -
 May, have kept so many days
 attendance so &c -

Kind regards to all the friends
 I believe it is about determined that
 when the Millards return they are to be
 located at Juneau -

Your Bro in Christ
 Sheldon Jackson

If you are not already doing it please
 give two half hours each week to drawing
 on slates & blackboards, and those, that
 make the most rapid advances, on
 paper

Washington D.C.

April 12th

Mrs L. H. Daggett

287 Bunker Hill St Boston

Madam

Letters of 10th received. Mr. Holt's testimonials seem to be correct & we will take him. Find out definitely if he will go and telegraph me.

Also secure from him and send me his Teacher's Certificate.

So many of the teachers back down that I need to know surely, who I can count upon. It is better however that they should count the cost before they go, than to be dissatisfied after they reach there.

Truly Yours
Shelden Jackson
General Agent

Washington D. C.
April 10th 6

Miss Margaret Powell,
Sitka, Alaska.

Madam:

I mail you this month Petroff's Alaska with
a copy for yourself and Elliott's Seal Islands - and
a package of labels. I send Mr Kelly some
drawing paper and assorted pencils for your school.

You will give them two half hours each week in
drawing on slates and blackboards. As a reward
to those that make the greatest progress, you can al-
low paper and pencils.

Please write on the labels "Sitka No 1", and paste them
in the Government library and school books. Until a
new lot of blackboard erasers and arithmetics are sent
you can take from the supply in school No 2, if Miss Tilton
is not using them.

Truly yours,

General Agent.)

Washington D. C.
April 10th 6

Miss Lydia McCoy.
Fort Wrangell, Alaska.

Dear Friend.

I mail you this month some assorted lead pencils, drawing paper and books - labels. Ellicott's Seal Islands and Petroff's Alaska. The extra copy of Alaska is for your private property. Please write "Fort Wrangell" on the labels and paste them in the Fort. library and school books.

Hereafter please give two half hours a week to drawing on slates and blackboard. The more advanced in drawing can use occasionally paper and pencil as a reward.

Will try and send you more arithmetics. Please tell me about the fire in the Post Office at Wrangell last winter. I was sending two registered parcels (two bags of \$70. each in silver coin) to Mr Gould - The Wrangell Post master claims that one was stolen during the fire.

shipment. The other went through safely.

I believe I have written you nearly every month since I left.

As you probably know Mr Young has the contract for carrying the mail to Jackson after July 1st. This is a great relief to Mr Voorhees and myself.

Kind regards to all friends
Your Bro. in Christ.

April 12 1886

Mrs L. H. Daggett
 287 Bunker Hill St., Boston. Mass
 Abbott will do for teacher Alaska.
 Will he certainly go?
 Signed W^m H. Gardiner
 Acting Commissioner of Ed

Dr Charles W. Miller
 Grant University. Athens. Ga.
 Offer of Unalaksha withdrawn
 in favor of more experienced teachers.
 Signed W^m H. Gardiner
 Acting Comm^r of Education.

Washington D.C.

April 12 6

Miss M. B. Murphy

Madam

I have mailed you this
month Elliott's Sea Islands, Petri-
(one copy of the latter for yourself) labels -
assorted pencils & drawing paper.

Please give the school two half ^{do}
each work in drawing - I would
suggest that you exercise them on their
slates, then when any excel, as a reward
you can allow them to use paper & pencil.

Please write your name on the labels
and paste them in all the Government
School books, also teacher's library books.

When it is published I will send you
a copy of my Annual Report -
Kind regards to your parents

Shelton L. ...

Washington D.C.
April 12th 6

Prof Geo B. Johnston

Killbuck. Alaska

Dear Sir

I have read your letter of March 13th with great interest.

I am sorry that you have no better school room, but it will probably remain until we can stir up Congress to give us some buildings. We will keep agitating until we receive them. At the same time keep up good courage and do the best you can. I will try & send you some kindergarten material this month or next. Please write Killbuck on the labels sent you & then paste them in all the Government Library & School books. Also send you Seal Island & two Petropoff Alaska (one is your print copy) & some pencils & drawings.

major. When you have any hours card
 with to showing on slate & blackboard
 occasionally. When a pupil excels,
 as a reward you can, if you think best,
 let him use paper & pencil -

I also send you some Newspaper.
 & you reports of Monthly Attendance
 card each month by date.

For instance if you kept only 10
 days in February, do not extend the
 report 5 days into March - But say
 February - 10 days - Attendance 8.4?

When vacation comes, you had better
 to let the book up a page - to keep
 record for you -

Truly Yours,
 Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Prof Henry Smith

Washington D.C.
April 12th

Miss Patton

Aloha Aloha

Dear Madam

I send you through Mr Kelly
drawing paper & pencils. Please give your
pupils the best of a work in drawing
on that & that board. As a reward to
those that greatly excel, you can allow
paper & pencil.

Also write Aloha No 2 on the bottom
and you, then paste them into the Green
Mount school books & library books in
charge. I send for teachers' library. Also
Islands & Alaska. One copy of the latter
is for your personal use.

Prof Kelly to my report, leave in him
for what you need. Wishing you
Every success in your work & family.
Respectfully,
H. H. Smith

American Home Missionary Society.

Portland, Oregon, April 30, 1892.

Genl John Eaton, LL.D., Ph.D.,
U.S. Commr. Education,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

A week ago I met Miss Rankin from Tillamook, on her way home. She was sick and obliged to give up her Indian School to Miss Patton. I learned that her illness was due to the bad air and necessary daily contact with Indian children, who come daily from their rude, damp, foul wigwams, dirty and diseased, and returned to such homes at night, knowing something of the foulness and danger of such quarters, as I saw them in 1884. I asked what school room she had. Her reply was one of the best of those rude shanties. I asked if Miss Patton had the same. She said yes. Is there to be no better rooms for teachers and pupils? She said that Mr. Jackson is pleading for appropriation to build school houses. My conclusion was that my

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teachers would fail and the work will fail and the cash granted for Education in Alaska will be secured by foes of the Indians and wasted in vice.

I asked how many of the girls were withdrawn from the Mission School at Sitka for their ruin by designing white men? Her reply was about 30. Will they ever return to the School? It is probable they could not be received again. Then they are lost to health and to hope? Yes, probably. Are the new Officials purer or better than the former ones? Yes, somewhat. Yet they do not all sustain Dr. Jackson. Is not Dr. J. doing all possible to save the students? Yes, but some oppose him and others sustain him. Is there any hope unless his plans are carried out and unless the Government sustains him? I think he must be upheld or all is lost. Will you return again? I may not be able. Can this Nation endure it? I cannot tell. The trial has cost me my blood, as you see by my hands. This sorrow has affected me. You know in the Mission School we could clean the pupils; cleanse their clothes; dry up their sores; give them good food, good beds, good air.

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and keep them from the filth and diseases of their
 rude houses. In the public schools we can have
 no such control and we as well as they are exposed
 to all the filth and disease and its perils.

Dr. Jackson wants to build new school houses
 and make things better, but he cannot do it without
 appropriations, and certain men are trying to
 prevent his return to Alaska.

Dr. Jackson would not let the Indian girl go
 from the Mission School until her father got a
 writ of Habeas Corpus and took her, and that
 opened the door for nearly all the older girls to
 be drawn away, did it not? Yes, it almost broke
 up that school. The whole thing was put up
 by white men and some of them, vicious officials,
 and those people oppose Dr. Jackson.

These are about the facts, are they are understood,
 are they? Yes.

This is the substance of my information from
 this teacher and from other sources. You will see
 in Caton that a pit of ruin is dug under every
 school in Alaska. When I was there in 1894,

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I heard frequent charges that the Mission Schools did "no good"; that girls were worse than they were in their wigwams: that they cleaned up, got new clothes, became proud, lazy and went to the bad at once as soon as they got away from the schools. I saw the signs of these evils at Juneau or Hainesburg among the miners. I was prepared to hear of the onslaught upon the Mission Schools when the officials got there. I am not surprised at the fierce war upon and persecution and false imprisonment of Dr. Jackson. I am prepared to expect any and every sort of combination to prevent his return, and to have a vicious man, or a foe of Indian Education put in his place.

Unless President Cleveland knows these dangers and returns Dr. J. or a man like him, and a man so true, so wise and so efficient; and so full of true courage it will be impossible to find; for no man has had so much experience in Alaska, in this work, or among the citizenship and officials of the Country as he has, and unless this is done, I see no hope for the liberal plans of Congress, or

specting the education of those people to be carried out, and I foresee utter loss of money and false reports of the facts.

I wish to thus give you my views early, so that an arrest may be put upon wrong doing, and the waste of funds and of health and time be well.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) G. H. Atkinson.

Washington D.C.

April 13th 6

Hon. J. N. Dolph

U.S. Senate

Dear Sir

I have read with great interest
your addresses on Alaska in the discussion
of your Amendment to the "Blair Educational
Bill" and rejoice greatly that you succeeded
in including Alaska -

I have also noticed with interest some
of your bills in the interest of Alaska -

If you will be so kind as to set a time
when you can give me an interview, I can give
you much light on the Educational question
in Alaska - and inside facts. I will be glad
to come to your Committee room or your residence
as you may prefer. Please address me care
of Bureau of Education Washington D.C.

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Sheldon Jackson

April 1st For services as General
Agent of Education in Alaska
at a salary of \$1200 per
Annum for the month of
March 1886 \$ 103.30

March 2nd - April 10th 1886
Acting Commissioner

April 13 6
One hundred and three.⁵⁰/₁₀₀
Sheldon Jackson

April 13th 86

Charles W. Miller
Athens Tenn

Yours received. You can have Unalak-
ka. Dr Spence seen

Signed W^m H. Gardiner
Acting Com^r of Education

To

Dr A. G. Haygood. Oxford Ga

Mail Dr Jackson Bureau
Education Washington Letter of Commem-
oration to Senator Leolquist

Signed W^m H. Gardiner

Acting Commissioner

Washington D.C.
April 13th

Mrs Dagget-

Your letter of yesterday is before me. I telegraphed you yesterday as you requested and also wrote you - that I thought Mr Abbott would do. However on the principle first come, first served, after Mr Hyde declined going, I promised Unalakka to Mr Miller. I have had this morning a long conversation with Rev Dr Spence, who has known Mr Miller for years. and has been his adviser in all matters. He thinks that Mr Miller has caught the Alaska spirit & greatly desires to go. I shall leave it entirely to his own conscience. Will neither urge him to go or not to go. If Mr Miller takes Unalakka, then I would like the 2nd teacher for Kasaan on the Island.

Atthka. It is a ple-wanter field than Unalashka, but not as important because not on the line of ocean travel. but is reached by side trips of vessels from Unalashka - The teacher need not be sent out until the last of August. Alaska Commercial Co Steamer leaves San Francisco about Sept 10th for Unalashka - From Unalashka he can probably go across in a schooner - This will give you all summer to complete your arrangements.

I am sorry I can not be with you to-day & to-morrow

Praying that God's Spirit may be in your meeting this blessing attend your counsels.

I remain yours truly
 Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington, D.C.
April 13th 86

Mr Lehal W. Miller

Athens Tenn

Dear Sir

I have had a long talk
with Dr Spence to-day. And the result
is that I have telegraphed you that
you could have Unalakka -

And I write to say that you can
have all summer to complete your
arrangements.

That is you can take the Alaska
Commercial Res Steamer that leaves
San Francisco about Sept 10th /86

Only I want to know definitely
in the next week before I leave that
I can count upon you without fail
that when the time comes you will
be on hand at Unalakka Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 13 6

Hon John Eaton Esq

U.S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

In reply to your question of the state of the Alaska Fund, I find that up to date \$8048.92 have been paid out. At the close of the fiscal year salaries will be due to the amount of \$4080. and rent approximately \$250 - Making in all \$12,378.92 For in round numbers just one half of the appropriation.

I am sorry to say that the legislative bill will not be ready to report to the House for two or three weeks yet.

I think Congress will be favorable to Alaska Education. The Senate yesterday changed the House appropriation for Industrial Schools in Alaska from \$15000 to \$20000 on Mot Motion of Sen Conger.

Sen Doepf's Private Clerk was in to see me this morning concerning Alaska matters & the Senator & myself are to have an interview soon -

Dr Spence thinks that I can get hold of Sen Lamar through Sen Colquitt.

If it meets with your approval, please write Dr Haygood at Oxford Ga - and ask him to write a letter to Sen Colquitt commending myself & work - and also to ~~the~~ Lamar. Dr Spence thinks it will call out Lamar's sympathy & co-operation in my work - Dr Haygood can mention the fact that he has selected two men from the Southern Methodist Church as Teachers in Alaska.

I enclose you three letters which Mr Gardiner had struck off for me -

I am sorry to say that Mr James is shaky on the "Blair Bill". I am arranging to have him meet Mr Gardiner, who is better posted on this

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bill than I am. It has been changed the last few months. I think that a number of Republicans that favored it last session are shaky this.

The Labor Com^{tee} are divided among themselves. Some want to report it without recommendation - others want to amend the Senate Bill & others are opposed to the whole thing. It will be reported in some form, as the Com^{tee} understand that the House sent it to them for that purpose -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington April 13th 6.

Hon C. D. Linger
U.S. Senate

Dear Friend

I have just seen the debate of Monday on the Indian Appropriation Bill. And I am much obliged that you secured \$5000 additional to the Fund for Training Schools in Alaska. At present there is but one Training School in that Country - the one at Sitka.

Please keep before the Senators, that there are two "educational funds" before Congress. The one in the Indian Bill for "Training Schools" is a small one.

The large one is in the Legislative Bill, under appropriations for the Bureau of Education. (See Estimate of the Secretary of the Treasury Page 62)

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"The Education of Children in Alaska"
\$25,000. This fund is the one that carries all the public day schools. irrespective of race, nationality or religion, and this is the fund that ought to be increased to \$50,000 at the very lowest. The Governor of the Territory in his Annual report (Swineford) recommends \$50,000 for schools. The Commissioner of Education recommended \$50,000 for Alaska. The Hon Secretary of the Interior, however only calls for \$25,000 in his Estimate.

I wish very much the House Committee would put it into their Legislation Bill at \$50,000. The money is imperatively needed as you will see by the enclosed tables which I send you -

Please save your strongest effort for Education in Alaska for the "Fund for the Education of Children in Alaska" which will probably appear

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in the Legislative Bill, as that Fund
is the support of the "Public School System
of Alaska."

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

April 13 6

Prof Edw^d M. Gallaudet

Kendall Green

Dear Sir

Your postal of April 12th Announcing that the Pupils of the School have voted \$25- is received with thanks.

If convenient procure a draft on New York payable to order of Wm A. Kelly and mail it to him at "Training School Sitter, Alaska" and ask him to either himself or have one of the teachers write you a letter that you can read to the School. Also ask Mr Kelly to explain to his School that it comes from boys & girls that can not talk or hear.

It will do good at both ends of the line. Please thank the pupils for me.

Kind regards to the teachers.

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
April 14th 6

Mr. Wendell Taylor

Chief Clerk Gov^t Printing Office

Dear Sir

The enclosed proofs & titles of
 illustrations to accompany Sen Ex Doc
 55. 49. 1. are correct.

Truly Yours
 Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

1844

"Is he credited with drinking, gambling or immorality?"

Florence, Wis.

April 24 1844.

Mr Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Brother,

Mr. A. F. Simmsford is credited with all the vices you mention. Still he is an able and enterprising man. he will probably employ that ability and enterprise as well as sell as much for his own interests as for those of the government and the people. I consider him a dangerous man.

Yours fraternally,
(Signed) E. F. Coy.

Washington D.C.

April 14 6

Com A.G. Haygood D.D.

Genl Agt of John F. Slater Fund
Oxford Ga

Dear Brother

I sent you letters April 3rd & 5th
and telegrams April 8th & 13th

Hearing nothing further from you, I
assume that Messrs Carney & Reed are
busy preparing to go to Alaska -

Yesterday Rev Dr Spence of
Albany was in & we were talking over
the situation (one of his graduates is ex-
pecting to go to Alaska) and the need
of a larger appropriation to meet
necessities of the opening of the school work
in Alaska.

It is the judgment of the
Commissioner of Education that in
a country like Alaska where there

no suitable and comfortable houses for
 out, Government should not only
 provide the school room but also the
 teacher's residence. And he is sus-
 tained in that view by all thinking men
 who have given the subject consideration.

The appropriation of \$25,000 made for
 common schools in Alaska, as you know
 is simply sufficient to pay salaries of
 teachers and provide the necessary
 desks, blackboards, books, slates, stationery.

In order to commence the erection of
 a few of the most needy buildings, the
 Commissioner and the Governor of the
 Territory united in asking Congress for
 an appropriation of \$50,000.

Last year an attempt was made by
 the republican territorial officials in
 Alaska to crush out our schools -

Please look over the enclosed pamph-
 let on the difficulties at Sitka.

Especially would I call your attention
 to Gen Eaton's letters on pages 19-21.

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President Cleveland very promptly removed the offending officials. They and their friends are doing their utmost to prejudice Secretary Lamar against me and have me driven out.

I fear they have partly succeeded in prejudicing Sec Lamar from the enclosed extract from his Annual Report. This has been greatly helped on by Gov Swineford, who is himself a bad man & wishes to get the fund in his grasp.

Please read Dr Atkinson's letter to General Eaton in the fight that is being made to crush out the Alaska Schools.

From these several documents you will see the need of the Educational forces rallying to the help of Schools in far off Alaska -

Dr Spence thinks that Senator Colquitt will take a warm interest in this matter, and hence the telegram.

for a letter of Commendation to Senator
Colquitt. I hope Sen Colquitt will
go with me to see Lamar.

I am told that see Lamar is a fair
man and his sympathies on the side
of right and Morality, when he is
informed. The Alaska Educational
System was commenced under his ad-
ministration and if he will stand
by ^{it} will add to his reputation and be
the commencement of a work to which
he can look back with satisfaction.

Now my dear Sir, I know you are
a very busy man, for all useful men
are, but will you not give a little time
to the School System of Alaska, just
struggling to its feet.

Please write a letter to Sen Colquitt
saying that you are preparing to send
two of your teachers to Alaska & ~~you~~
wish to use his influence to secure an
appropriation by which the Bureau
of Education can erect these houses.

And as far as possible Make them Comfortable.

Also please write Sec Lamar in favor of an appropriation of at least \$50,000 (Congress will vote it, if he will ask it) for Education in Alaska.

Also if you are willing to take Gen Eaton's Estimate of myself, please write Mr. Sumner asking that he stand by me, — that you believe from the testimony & judgement of those in whom you have Confidence that I am the best man to inaugurate the work and bring credit on his administration.

Please let me know if Mendenhall & Reed will go, so that I can secure their passage.

Your Brother in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

I send you the new map of Alaska

Washington D.C.
April 14th 6

Hon Charles S. Fairchild

Secretary of the Treasury

Dear Sir

Mr Walter S. Eaton Acting
 Chief of Revenue Marine Division has
 kindly informed me according to re-
 quest that the Revenue Steamer "Bear"
 will shortly leave San Francisco for
 Western Alaska.

The Bureau of Education is
 engaged in establishing Government
 Schools on the shores of Bering's Sea
 And ^{it} will sometimes be of very great
 service if the Commanding Officer
 of the "Bear" can have instructions
 allowing him when necessary to
 transport teachers from one place
 another in that region, when the
 vessel shall be passing between

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those points without detriment to
the public service.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

P.S.

Please have a copy of the ins-
tructions mailed to the Bureau of
Education Washington D.C.

Washington D.C.
 April 14 6

Hon Charles S Fairchild
 Secretary of the Treasury

Dear Sir

In the discharge of my public duties, it will be of very great service if I can have transportation on the Revenue Marine Steamer "Bear" to the different points visited by her in Western Alaska

Will you please issue instructions to the Commanding Officer to furnish me such transportation as may be needed. And have a copy of the same forwarded to me, at the Bureau of Education, Washington D.C. And greatly oblige

Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 14 6

To the Woman's Executive Com^{tee}

280 Broadway New York

Madame

In the preparation of my Annual Report, I have had a few extra copies of the Maps printed at my own expense. If you would like 50 of each, or 100 of S. E. Alaska, I can send them to you for \$4. for the 100.

As they are the latest & best map of that country I think your Auxiliaries will wish them.

I can only spare 100.

Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

April 14 6

Gen John Eaton L.L.D

Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

Mr Gardiner and Mrs Hovey have of late been pressing upon my attention the uncertainties of an appropriation not finally acted upon by Congress.

Their views, together with those expressed in several of your late letters, have caused me to give the situation very careful consideration.

It seems essential that we should take the steamer May 10th and yet if we do, it will be at the risk of losing the appropriation.

I am more and more satisfied that if the appropriation is made by Congress, that it will be the result of

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Much personal work and influence

And yet if I remain to see the appropriation bill through, we will lose our best opportunity of opening schools in Western Alaska for another year.

On the other hand some of the teachers that have been recommended to us, say that they can not get ready by May 10th.

After talking it over with Mr Gardiner I would recommend the following course.

For me to remain here until the Alaska School fund has passed Congress.

Then Charter a Schooner with Auxiliary Steam power to take myself and the teachers together with their household furniture, Annual Supplies - Also School Supplies, desks &c from Puget Sound to the several points in Western Alaska where the teachers are to be stationed.

There will probably be 3 teachers and their wives making 10 persons in

all. To go up in the Alaska Commercial
 vessel will cost them passage & freight -
 About \$200 each. or \$2000 in the aggregate.
 The freight* on the school supplies will
 amount to about \$800 or \$1000 more according
 to quantity of lumber we find it necessary
 to take along for repairing or building.

Thus it will cost about \$3000 to
 move the teachers & the freight

For that sum we can charter a
 suitable Schooner. The teachers paying
 the same they would on a private vessel
 and the Government paying no more
 in the one case than in the other.

The advantages of this course are as
 follows

1st I can remain until the
 Educational fund is voted.

2nd We will then know just how
much we have for salaries - how

The Alaska Commercial Co Steamer
 will be small to carry all the supplies we
 ought to have.

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Many schools we can open & how many buildings attempt.

3rd The teachers will have ample time for completing their arrangements.

4th We can take them and their freight directly to their respective places and remain a few days, helping them to get located.

5th The cost will be no greater in the one case than in the other.

I presume the Legislative Bill will be passed so that we could leave the last of June - This will give the pleasant Summer months of July & August for the ocean voyage of the teachers.

Now if this meets your approval please telegraph me, that I may telegraph the teachers concerned.

A day or two just now, when they are hastening their arrangements, may save them considerable inconvenience and perhaps some expense.

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I also need to know it at once, that I may write Mr Brady by this mail & see if we can not have his Steam Schooner meet the party at Seattle. Washington Terr. The Captain of his Schooner is well acquainted with the waters about the Aleutian Islands and is a safe man to go with.

Therefore if you approve this plan it will greatly facilitate matters if you will telegraph me without delay -

I mail you copies of the New maps.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

I most heartily concur in the above. It seems to be by far the best plan mentioned yet. Yours Wm. H. Gardiner.

Washington D.C.
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Rev Wm S. Langford D.D.

Secretary of Protestant Episcopal
 Missions

Dear Brother

Yours of the 12th is before
 me. The telegram you received March
 25th from Mr Wm H. Gardiner is your
 authority for establishing a school at
 St. Michael under the Yukon Contract.
 It will be well to attach the telegram to
 the Contract.

Your second question was with
 reference to a building. The Alaska
 Educational Fund is so small, that
 the Bureau can not build this season.
 We hope to be able to build in the future
 and make all the teachers more comfort-
 able. Later on in the session
 I may write you to furnish us some

influence upon Episcopal members
in favor of a larger appropriation next
Season.

We will do everything we can to
help Mr Parker along.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 15th 6

Miss Clara Gould

Madam

Jackson Alaska

I send you seven blank
Vouchers. Please sign and return
to this office. I also send your
Salary. It would have been sent
a month ago, if we had had any
signed vouchers -

Truly Yours
Theodore Jackson
General Agent.

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Education

Miss Clara Gould

For salary from September
7th to November 21st 1885
as teacher of the U.S. School
at Jackson Alaska at
\$600 per annum - \$150.00

John E. Lorn

Wm. D. Gardiner
acting as teacher

April 1st For salary as teacher
of the U.S. Public School
at Jackson Alaska
at \$600 per annum
November 1885 - 10 days 16.30
December " 50.50
January 1886 51.70
February " 46.60
March " 51.70

\$216.80

April 1st to 6th
Two hundred and sixteen $\frac{80}{100}$

Washington D.C.
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Miss Sarah M. Dickinson

Haines Alaska

Madame

Please sign the enclosed vouchers in the last line, so that I can send you your back salary.

Forward them to this office in the enclosed envelopes.

When this is received you will please close the school for the summer -

Be careful to have all the books, stationery &c carefully put away so that they can be counted. Also make a list of all property in your possession and forward it to me with your monthly report for May. Have the school room properly locked up and the windows properly secured -

Your reports have been very good

indeed, and I hope you have enjoyed
your work.

Please remember me very kindly
to your parents

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
 ——— April 15th 6

Miss Elizabeth Patton

Sitka Alaska

Madam

I send you six blank vouchers
 which you will please sign on the last
 line and return to this office in the
 enclosed envelopes -

Miss Powell will show you, if nec-
 essary, what to do -

~~I also if you pay out anything for~~
 Prof Kelly is my deputy in Alaska and
 you will look to him for food, fuel &c
 and he will provide for the payment
 of all necessary bills.

Hoping you are happy in your
 work, I remain yours truly

Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 15 6

Rev J. M. Reid D.D.

Secretary of M. E. Missions

Dear Brother

Your letter received with
papers of Rev Matthias Burnhill
Paschalville, Philadelphia Pa. I have
placed his name on my list of available
teachers & return his papers to you -

I agree with you that men
who have been in special training for
the Spanish work had better stick to it.

I made no effort to get either Mr
Keyde or Mr Miller. They were both
offered to me & I was willing to take.

When Mr Keyde withdrew I made no
effort to influence him. The same
is true of Mr Miller. I am not trying
to influence him one way or the other.

It makes no difference to me, who

does, provided he is a suitable man.

The only difficulty I would have with Mr Barnhill is, that I have no evidence that he is a trained teacher. He may be an exemplary man & even an eminent minister and yet not make a successful teacher in such a country as Alaska.

And I fear that may be the case with the majority of the other good men that are applying to you to be sent to Alaska.

You look at them from the Ministerial side, and I am compelled to look at them from the Educational side.

To successfully inaugurate our school work and properly lay the foundation for the future, I think you will agree with me that we ought to have normal trained teachers.

If you can find such an one, who is a minister all right; but a man who has given the last few years

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to the Ministry and been out of the School practice has fallen behind.

My own view is, that, if you would apply to some of the distinguished Educators of your denomination, that they could find you without much trouble a young man in your Church, who is now teaching a profession this life work.

He could pave the way for your Church and in a few years when you got ready to enter the work as a Church this man could be licensed or ordained, Or you could then send Ministers to the field, and the teachers that had preceded them would be valuable assistants and Class leaders -

However if you can find a Minister that is in practice as a successful teacher, I will be very glad to take him.

Mrs Daggett has sent me the name of Rev A. D. Abbott, who is

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Seems to have been principal of the
Hazardville (Ct) Schools. He is en-
closed by Bishop Foss, and the Professors
of Wesleyan University Middletown Ct
Do you know anything about him?

It is for the interests of your denom-
ination as well as this Bureau to have
teachers that by their success will
commend the work -

It is a long way to send them,
and if they fail or become dissatisfied
it is not easy making a change -

Your Bro in Christ -

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

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P.S. I see no difficulty in sending
 the Methodist Ministers to Alaska this
 summer as a commencement.

Mr Miller concludes to go, Can he not
 be made a preacher? Then if Mr Little
 or Rev S. E. Snider, or some other Minister
 goes, you can secure action from your
 General Com^{tee} next November and
 thus regularly undertake work in the
 field. I will write Mr Snider.

Please select us your best-lectures

Washington D.C.
April 15th 1881

Rev J. L. Gould

Jackson Alaska

Dear Brother

I Am very sorry to hear of the loss of the registered package of \$70 in Silver coin at the Mangrove Post Office. As Mr Young had the carrying of the Mail ~~after~~ July 1st, please make out and send me an itemized statement of amounts received with date, and amounts paid out with date. As you will probably know what the June trip will cost, you can add that in. If there should be a small additional expense afterwards, it can be adjusted.

A Treasury Warrant ~~was~~ ^{will be} sent you by this Mail for the 11 cords of wood reported in your letter of March 1st.

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I wish you had computed for the
whole season at one time.

I send you more blanks to sign
for future bills -

Mr C. D. Eaton informs me that
he has sent you some money to commence
the house - I shall be so glad when
you are more comfortably fixed -

Kind regards to the family

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Wester Study.

Iron Mountain, Michigan,
April 9th, 1886.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir, Bro:

The letter of inquiry about Mr. E.
P. Swineford came to-day.

Would be glad to be able to say anything that might
be of service to you—

We do not know Mr. Swineford personally, but I
believe he does not bear a very creditable reputation
here. Am told by some of our best citizens who know
him that he is of better ability than character.

It is said from several reliable sources that he can
be "credited with drinking, gambling and immorality."
It is further said that he is "efficient, upright and
honest" with some qualifications.

Regret that I cannot speak from a personal know-
ledge of him. His old associates here are no recom-
mendation.

Glad to be of any future service in this

or any other matter pertaining to our Lord's kingdom.

Sam,

Yours in the faith,

(Signed) Melvin Fraser.

Pres. Pastor,

Washington D.C.

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Mr Thomas Hearson

Sitka Alaska

Dear Friend

I send you by this mail a copy of Petroff's Alaska and a set of Alaska Maps - Next month I will be able to send you a copy of my Annual report of which the Maps are a part.

I wrote Mr Kelly, I think it was last month, that I would help pay for a boat house with a Carpenter Shop over it. If we get the building I think it will be easy to get the necessary Machinery that you will for and ought to have.

It will probably be a month or six weeks yet before we will know

how much Congress will appropriate for education in Alaska, and until that is settled, we can not tell how many buildings we can erect this summer for schools. Be sure that my heart is with you and that it will do everything that I can for Alaska Education.

Remember me very kindly to Mrs. Heraton & her daughter Mrs. Smith
 Very truly your friend
 Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 15th &

Genl. M. D. Ball

Sitka Alaska

Dear Col

Yours of March 13th is before me. I will make inquiry about the 10th vol of the Census. Have you all the others? It is very hard to obtain one out of a set and still harder to get the set. There ought to be a set at the Governor's Office. I have one of my own at the Training School. Send you copies of all the bills so far introduced. I do not think that any of them will pass, save the one to enable the officers to give bonds in the States from which they are appointed. The Senate is paying very little attention to Confederation.

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Towards the end of the Session they
will probably go to work vigorously in
that direction. I still believe that
you will be confirmed when your case
is reached.

Ex Judge McAllister is still here
trying to prevent the Confirmation of his
Successor, in hope that he may return.

I am glad that you are the responsi-
ble head of the "Alaskan" as that is a
guarantee of an able & fair paper.

The House voted \$15000 for Industrial
Education in Alaska & the Senate
amended it to \$20000. Will probably
be cut down in the Conference Com^{tee}!

Remember me very kindly to
your family -

Truly yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
April 15th 6

Miss Powell

Sitka Alaska

Madam

Yours of March 10th is received.
Miss Pitten does not need the Language
Books you can borrow from her.

Your receipts for \$9.50 are received and
will be sent you, when your salary is
next paid.

Hereafter please call on Mr Keller
to make purchases that are absolutely
necessary. Also pay Janitor, Wood bills
\$2 \$2 As he is my deputy, you
will please call on him as you would
on me.

I Am very glad to hear
such good accounts from your school.
And that the pupils are making such
good progress.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

April 15th 6

Prof Wm A. Kelly

Sitka Alaska

Dear Brother

I return you two vouchers of Miss Rankin. Will you or Mr Austin please see Charlie & Holden & have them sign or make their marks to the enclosed receipts and then return them to me at Washington, so that I can forward Miss Rankin her money.

Also if you have paid any rent on the school house in the ranch please forward bill & vouchers.

go on with the boat house and Carpenter Shop, let me know and I will send you my check

I will again urge upon the Board the necessity of a team for Sitka.

I called upon Secretary Brooks about the blank indenture of Apprenticeship. He says have them properly signed, witnessed & acknowledged -

Then if the District Judge decides or holds that the Natives of S.E. Alaska are not Indians, then your papers will hold. If he should decide that they are Indians, then mail the papers (to me if I am in Washington) to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington and ask him to please write his approval upon them & that will make them legal. So that in either case you can manage it.

If you like Mr. Heraton urge him to remain and I will stand by you & him.

The Board has voted you a Shoemaker, but I presume will make no effort to hunt me up. If you will find one they will commission him.

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I shall anxiously look for the affidavit
by the next steamer.

By the June steamer I will be able
to send you my Annual Report.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Telegrams

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Dr A. G. Haygood
Oxford La

Your of 14th received. Plans changed.
Curney & Reed can leave until ~~June~~ last
of June to get ready. Arrangement
can be made for support. Particulars
by mail. Wm H. Gardiner, Actg Comm^r

Mr. E. Roscoe

Upper Mattota. Humboldt Co. Cal
Plans changed. You need not start
for Alaska before last of June
Particulars by mail.

Wm H. Gardiner

Acting Commissioner
of Education.

John G. Brady

Washington D.C.

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John G. Brady

Sitka Alaska

Dear Brother.

In one of your letters you intimated that the *Lee*, ~~could~~ not be had for a trip to the Westward this summer. And in another that it could.

On the uncertainty I write you again for a definite answer.

If Congress makes the appropriation for Education in Alaska that we expect the Commissioner of Education will charter at San Francisco or Puget Sound a schooner (with auxiliary steam power) to transport teachers & supplies to Kodiak, Anga. Belkofsky. Unalakleet & Alaska.

There will be 10 to 12 persons, with baggage, household furniture, groceries, school supplies & lumber.

The Schooner will be required to call in
at Sitka & get school desks from Mr Kelly.

What will you charter the Leo for the trip?
You can leave Seattle about July 1st.

Run to Sitka, put off your own freight
& take on school desks - You can also
if you choose take Merchandise & trade
at the several stations named above
while we are locating the teachers.

If you wish to undertake the trip
You had write me at Washington D.C.
and also write Mr M^c Dougall at Seattle
to telegraph me terms.

I would much prefer to go on the
Leo than take a stranger Schooner.

I do not care to have the public know
of the proposed trip, therefore please say
nothing about it outside

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

April 16 6

Rev A.G. Haygood D.D.

Oxford Ga

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 14th received this morning. And the Commissioner of Education has decided not to attempt to send the teachers (the time is so short) on the steamer sailing May 10th.

In stead, he will charter a Schooner (with Auxiliary Steam power) and send the teachers, baggage, household furniture, groceries, School supplies, lumber &c direct to their fields of labor. The Schooner will leave the Pacific Coast about July 1st or whenever we can get ready.

Having the vessel under our care ^{at the different Stations} we can stop sufficiently long to help the teacher get partially settled in his new home!

Now with regard to travelling Expenses. See what you can do among your friends and Churches and let me know the result. and perhaps I can interest some others to help.

If Messrs Carney and Reed are the right-kind of men to do credit to the Government and feel like taking hold of that field, I am sure that the funds can be provided to get them there.

Now as to Support. While owing to the infrequency of the mails the teachers receive their pay but at long intervals, yet through the kindness of the Alaska Commercial Co, they are as well off, as if they received it or pay each night.

Please see my letter of April 3rd on this subject.

If they had their pay Monthly, they would pay a portion out at the local store. Now the local store is willing to furnish them the articles, and send their bill to San Francisco, to be paid on their order.

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by the U.S. Treasury to the Alaska Commercial Co in San Francisco. And while the local store waits for the pay, they let the teachers have supplies at reasonable rates.

If it is in their hearts to go, the pecuniary considerations can satisfactorily be arranged.

But I do not care to urge anyone to go, for they will be exiled from society and have some discomforts.

But to those who have a strong Missionary spirit it is an attractive field.

They will have a healthy field, and not unpleasant climate. They can have enough to eat & wear, & lay up more money than if they remain at home.

But above all they can do a great work for Christ and help lay the foundations of Education in Alaska.

Please let me know at an early

period, if they or others will go.

For if you can not help me to two good teachers, I want all the time possible to look elsewhere.

Your Brother in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 16th 6

Rev Wm S. Langford D.D.

Gen^l Sec^y Episcopal Missionary
Society. New York

Rev & Dear Sir

Yours of the 15th is received.
In reply I would state that the Commission
will send a letter to Rev Mr Parker Care-
of the Alaska Commercial Co. 310 Sanson
St. San Francisco, Authorizing Mr Parker
to purchase of Sam^l L. Carson & Co San
Francisco Certain books, Charts, Maps
&c. &c. the bill to be sent to Washington.

As to school room, we will probably
authorize the Alaska Commercial Co to have
their agent at St. Michael secure and
fit up a school room. and send bill to
Washington. It is possible we may
be able to rent the Greek Church for that
purpose.

The Commissioner has decided that
I can not leave Washington until the ap-
propriation for Education in Alaska is
passed through Congress.

This will deny me the privilege of
accompanying Mr & Mrs Parker to their
chosen field and bring them settled.

I regret this very much.

I will send Mr Parker full directions
concerning work, reports &c. &c.

Your Brother in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

~~April 16th~~ April 16th 6

W. E. Roscoe Esq

Upper Malheur. Humboldt Co
California

Dear Sir

This morning the Commission
of Education has concluded (the time is
so short to complete arrangements) not to
send the Alaska teachers by the Steamer
May 10th.

Instead, he will charter
a Schooner (with auxiliary steam power)
to sail about July 1st, which will carry
teachers, baggage, house hold furniture,
groceries, school supplies, lumber &c
directly to their several stations.

This will be more convenient for all con-
cerned.

Please telegraph me "~~Respectfully~~"
"Commissioner of Education. Washington D.C."

at the expense of this Bureau, whether
 you accept the position of teacher at Kadiak
 For if you do not care to go, we should
 know it at the earliest moment, in order
 that we may have time to look up someone
 else. Any further information you
 may wish, please write me.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 16th 6

Mrs A. E. Gray

Appl Sec W. A. B. H. M. Soc
 14 Tremont Temple, Boston

Dear Sister

This morning it was concluded to charter a schooner to convey the Alaska teachers to their respective fields.

The schooner will sail about July 1st. This will give the Ladies more time to make their arrangements for assisting Mr. Tom. It will be well to have all arrangements concluded by June 1st.

Your Bro in Christ
 Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 16th 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett

287 Bunker Hill St Boston

Dear Sister

Yours of Yesterday is received
 Mr Miller is not yet married, and I have
 not heard the name of the Lady to whom he
 is engaged.

I would suggest that you write
 her a letter and enclose it in one addressed
 to "Charles W. Miller. Grant Memorial Uni-
 versity. Athens Tenn"

Dr Spence & Mr Miller expect to try
 to raise his travelling expenses out of the
 Churches. Can not Boston Methodists
 help?

The Commissioner of Education
 has concluded, in order to give more
 time, to charter a schooner to sail

about July 1st. This will require
Mr & Mrs Miller to leave their home about
the middle of June.

Dr Spence says that Mrs Miller is
a very choice woman, and that you will
be fortunate to secure her as your mis-
sionary.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 16th 6

Charles W. Miller Esq

Athens Tenn

Dear Sir

I telegraphed you the other day that after a conversation with Dr. Spence it was determined that you could have Unalakka.

It was also agreed that he should write you, that you might have until Sept 10th for sailing.

This Morning the Commissioner of Education has decided that it will be better to Charter a Schooner and take all the teachers, their baggage, household furniture & supplies, School Supplies, Furniture &c &c direct to their fields of labor.

The Schooner will sail about June 1st. This will be a better and cheaper

arrangement for the teachers

Under the Circumstances of this new Arrangement, it would seem well if you can get ready to go at that time.

In the Mean time embrace every opportunity of stirring up the Churches and taking up Collections for travelling Expenses.

I think it will be well if you can arrange with the Ministers ^{of your region} so that you can visit every Sabbath one or more Churches and give a Missionary Lecture in Alaska - taking up at the Close a Collection to help start the first Methodist man in that region.

Mrs Daggett Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Churches of Boston & vicinity - will open a Correspondence with your affianced wife and will probably furnish you some help. In the Mean time let me hear from you concerning your plans

Your Brother in Christ

Wm. A. D. H. M.
General Agent

Washington D.C.

April 16th 6

Rev John M. Reid D.D.

Secretary of Methodist Mission

Dear Brother

It has been decided this morning to Charter a Schooner to convey the lecturers, their baggage, household furniture, supplies, school supplies &c direct to their several fields. This vessel will sail

about July 1st. Whatever Methodist teachers are sent out this season, it will be well for them to go at that time.

It will be both more convenient and cheaper.

Yours Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Education of Children in Alaska Education

J. Loomis Lerud

Wm. B. Gardiner
Acting Commissioner

March 1st - For 11 Cords of wood
at \$3. per Cord, furnished
the U.S. School at Jackson
Alaska \$33.00

April 1st to 6
Thirteen ⁶⁰/₁₀₀ —

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Washington D.C.

April 17th 1858

Mr Lewis Cassette

President of the California Convention
San Francisco. Cal.

Dear Sir

Congress is so late with the appropriation bill this season, that I will be unable to reach San Francisco in time to see you at St Paul. Of the teachers going to Alaska, you will only have Mr Octavianus and family, of which Dr Langford Sec of the Episcopal Mission has already written you.

As it will be rather late to wait for the steamer about Sept 10th, we may have to charter a schooner to take up our teachers & their household effects.

If it is not putting you to too much trouble, please send me the name & address

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of some reliable firm in your city, whose business it is to charter vessels, with whom I can correspond.

I send you by this mail advance sheets of the Maps of Alaska that are to accompany my report.

In your letter to me of March 6th occurs this passage.

"As to Merchandise needed, we shall charge the teachers the same prices as our employees, provided of course it be for their own use"

I do not understand whether this liberal and kind offer means freight from L. H. to Alaska, or groceries & supplies which the teacher might need to purchase from your local store.

Can you give us some arrangement by which a teacher can procure supplies from your store, where he resides, and I will receive payment ^{for the same} direct from the U. S. Treasury?

If you can, it will greatly simplify
our work.

The Steamer that leaves Sept 10th;
at what points will it probably touch?

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Backus
San Francisco.

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Washington D.C.

April 17th 6

Mr Lewis Lerste

President of the Alaska Commercial Co
San Francisco. California

Dear Sir

Congress is so late with the "appropriation Bills" this season, that I will be unable to reach San Francisco in time to sail with the St Paul.

Of the teachers going to Northern Alaska, you will have on that trip, only Mr C. Parker & family, of whom Dr Langford, Sec of the Episcopal Mission Society has written you.

As it will be rather late to wait for the Steamer of Sept 10th, we may be compelled to charter a sailing vessel to take up the other teachers, their household effects &c.

If it is not putting you to too much trouble, please send me the name & address

Washington D.C.

April 17th 6

Hon Alfred H. Colquitt

U.S. Senate

Hon and Dear Sir

Rev Dr A.G. Haygood of
Oxford Ga has recently recommended
to us, two young men, whom we are
arranging to send as teachers to Alaska

As these young men and their wives
are all members of the Methodist Episcopal
Church South, I would like to awaken
in their behalf, the sympathy and
interest of their Church.

As you are represented to me, to
be one of the most prominent laymen
in that Church - the foremost leader
in their General Conferences, and the
most influential man to mould
the public sentiment of the denom-

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ination, I wish to call your attention to that misunderstood section of the land - its resources and people, so that you may arouse an interest in your Church.

What the Methodists of Canada have done on the British side of the line, the Southern Methodists can do on the American side.

For a brief account of what the Methodists of Canada have done, please see page 304, Chapter XI of the accompanying book -

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson.
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 19 6

Prof S. A. Layman

Corrigan, Pa

Dear Sir

Yours received. You will be appointed if the appropriation bill goes through, and it is probable that it will.

Still it is not safe for you to take action on the probabilities. It will probably be a month yet before we know definitely.

I am very sorry for the delay, but do not see how it can be helped.

Kind regards to Mrs Layman - Mr Randall is Chairman of the Appropriation Committee that has the appropriation in charge. It will do good for you to write him & tell him that you are interested in Education in Alaska, and that it will be gratifying to a large number of persons.

in Penna to have him appropriate
at least \$50,000 for Education in Alaska
If there are any prominent democrats
in your section; try have them write also
The more influence you can bring to bear
on Mr Paulale, the surer the appropriation

Very Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.

April 19th 6

Mr George Nicholas Offl

Downieville California

Dear Sir.

Yours is received. The appropriation for schools in Alaska is so small, that but few schools can be maintained and these are provided with teachers for the present. I will however place your application on file, and let you know if anything opens.

We prefer married teachers, how
is it with you.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 19th 6

Prof A. J. Davis

Clarion Pa

Dear Mother

Mr Randall of Pa is not only the Chairman of the General Committee of the House on Appropriations, but also the Sub Committee of the "Hundry Civil Bill" in which is the appropriation for Education in Alaska. They are now making up that bill. Please write him in favor of \$50,000. Tell him that many, Episcopalians, Baptists, Presbyterians, Moravians and Methodists in Penna are interested in it, and that it will be a very popular thing for him to do.

Also if you can get any leading or influential Pennsylvania Democrats to write him on the same subject, please do so at once. An appropriation

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If approved by Congress, will carry with
it the changes in this office, that we
desire. Gen Eaton has not yet re-
turned to the City. In haste
Yours Truly
Sheeldon Jackson

Gen Eaton has written me to remain
in Washington until I see the Approp-
riation bill safely through.

Consequently I will not be able to go
to the Westward on May 10th.

I enclose you a letter which when
you have read please return to me -
It is too bad!!

Washington D.C.
 ——— April 19th 6

Rev Ed^d de Schweinitz D.D.

Bethlehem Pa

Dear Brother.

The Hon A. J. Randall of Phila is both Chairman of the General Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and of the Sub Committee on "Lundry Civil" Bill, which contains the Appropriation for Education in Alaska

It seems very necessary that we should make an earnest effort to induce him to increase the appropriation this year from \$20,000 to \$50,000

Please write Mr Randall a strong letter stating that the Moravians of Pa are very much interested in Education in Alaska and hope that he will do what he can to have his Committee give at least \$50,000 to that object.

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If you are acquainted with the linguist from your district - (W.H. Snowden) either write him yourself, or if you know anyone that has influence with him, have him write Mr Snowden (or both of you write him) and ask him to see Mr Randall & say to him that the Moravians of his (Snowden's) district are all alive on the subject of Education for Alaska and will appreciate a large appropriation for that purpose.

Also please write some of your leading Ministers in Phil^a and friends and have them write Mr Randall - The more widely extended the influence brought to bear on Mr Randall, the more freed he will give.

But I believe in the merits of the case, but Mr Randall will look at it as a matter of policy, hence the greater the influence brought to bear on him the more he will be willing to do.

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This bill is now being made up by the Committee, and it is so important in its bearing on our work in Alaska that I beg you will give it all the time you can, and stir up as many different persons as possible, to write Mr Randall on this subject.

I sent you & Mr Klose some maps last week. I hope to send you the completed report in two weeks -

Kind regards to your family

Your Bro in Christ -

Sheldon Jackson

Washington, D.C.

April 19 6

Miss Clara Gould

Barrow Alaska

I enclose you a page of my report in which your school is unreported for the month of November 1885--

It was probably lost in the mail. Please send me a duplicate report for that month.

I have assumed that Mr Gould's two children attended school, & therefore have taken the liberty of placing them under the column of Americans

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Genl Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 20th 6.

Hon George H. Edmunds

Chairman of Senate Committee
on the Judiciary.

Hon + Dear Sir

Notice by the Congressional Record that Senate Bill 1972 "To facilitate the administration of laws in the Territory of Alaska and for other purposes" has been referred to your Committee.

Permit me to suggest that Section 1 of Senate Bill 1972 is covered by Senate Bill 1606 introduced by yourself and should be adopted.

Section 2 of Senate Bill 1972 Making the Governor Superintendent of, and Disbursing Officer for Indian Schools and Indian Affairs is very ill advised and ought not to pass.

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1st at the present time, there is but one so called "Indian School" in all Alaska. -ie- the Industrial Training School at Sitka

2nd There are no disbursement of funds in Alaska to that School. -It is carried on by Contract between the Indian Bureau at Washington, and a Missionary Board at New York City and the U.S. Treasury makes its payment direct to the Board of Missions in New York.

3rd The friends of the Native population in Alaska do not wish them to be considered as Indians. It has been decided by the U.S. District-Court of Alaska that they are not Indians before the law. See Senate Ex Doc 83. 49th Congress 1st Session, Pages 10+11.* They are a self sustaining people receiving no

* The Document will probably be received from the Public Printer about May 1st. I will procure and advanced copy for you.

Alumnities or support from the Government & needing none. They have in the past & are now taking care of themselves, why should they be cursed and set back by forcing upon them the universally acknowledged disability of our present Indian system.

The appointment of the Governor as Superintendent is but the luterine wedge for the creation of a new office in Alaska - that of Indian Agent.

My dear Sir for humanity's sake I ask you to ever use your great influence in the Senate to have the natives of Alaska, treated not as Indians, but as the Aleuts, Russian half breeds & others in that region. - as practically American Citizens without the ballot. Let them be under the same laws that every one else in that region is.

The natives of Alaska work in the fisheries of that Country & in the mines

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Side by Side with Americans, Germans
Norwegians, Swedes, Russians & Chinamen
They usually receive 50 cents per day more
wages than the Chinamen in the mines.

They are cooks in restaurants, waiters
on steamers, clerks in stores &c and
why should they be discriminated
against by throwing around them
the restrictions of Indian law?

4th The men usually selected
as Governors of the outside Territories.
are not selected for their knowledge or ex-
perience of the best methods of running
schools, and the superintendency of
such men would prove a hindrance
rather than a help.

I sincerely trust dear Sir, that
your Committee will reject Section 2
of Senate Bill 1972.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
U. S. General Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 20th

Rev W.B. Stevens D.D. L.L.D.
Bishop of Penna

Dear Sir

I have this day Mailed the
Enclosed Circular to a number of your
Clergy.

Rev Wm S. Langford D.D. Genl-
Secretary of the Missionary Society of
P. E. Ch has in behalf of the Mission
Board contracted with the Government
to take the oversight of one of the Schools
in Alaska, and is proposing to take
a second, if Congress votes a sufficient
appropriation. The size of the
appropriation is in the Control of Hon
Samuel J. Randall M.C.

Therefore if your Clergy and some
of your prominent laymen write Mr
Randall, asking him to make a

liberal appropriation for Education
in Alaska, it will be done.

A liberal appropriation at this
time will enable the Bureau of Educa-
tion to erect comfortable houses for
the teachers sent up by the Episcopal
Mission Board -

Hence I hope you will
as far as you must them, encourage
your Clergy to write Mr Randall.
With great respect I remain
Yours truly

Sheldon Jackson
U.S. General Agent of
Education in Alaska

Washington D.C.
 — April 20 6

Rev Mr S. Langford D.D.
 Secretary

Dear Brother

I have sent the enclosed Circular to Bishop Stevens and a number of the Philadelphia Clergy -

I think a note from you to Bishop Stevens will keep the matter along.

Mr Randal has the Control of the Appropriation, and if he will give us \$50,000 asked for, we can erect a comfortable residence & school house for teacher at St Michael.

Please do what you can to help the matter along.

Very Truly Yours
 Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

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Washington, D. C. April 19, 1886.

Dear Sir:

The Hon. S. J. Randall, Congressman from Pennsylvania, is both Chairman of the General Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and also of the Sub Committee of the "Sundry Civil Bill," which contains the appropriation for Education in Alaska.

It seems very necessary that a strong effort should be made, by all those interested in the welfare of the people in that far off country, to induce Mr. Randall to increase the appropriation this year from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Therefore I take the liberty of asking your assistance. Please write Mr. Randall a personal letter on this subject. Also, if you have any influential man in your community (if he is a Democrat all the better for this purpose) whom you can influence to write Mr. Randall, please do so.

You and I believe in the merits of the case, but Mr. Randall will consider it from the side of policy and the wider the influence brought to bear upon him, the more readily he will respond.

Very truly yours, (Signed) Sheldon Jackson,
U. S. General Agent of Education in
Alaska.

Sent to Presbyterians in Philadelphia

Mr Amos L. J. Randall M.C.

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Rev H. C. Gibbons

Rev M. L. Sedwitz

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Rev L. E. Kiekey

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Miss Elizabeth McCauley

Mrs Richard B. Wright

Mrs C. M. Stryker

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for letters to be sent to Hon S. J. Randall M.C.

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Rev J. B. Altkner D.D.	Rev W. P. Lewis D.D.
Rev E. A. Hogg D.D.	Rev J. J. Taylor Franklinville.
Rev S. P. Hutchinson D.D.	Rev M. H. McVicar D.D.
Rev S. E. Appleton D.D.	Rev W. H. Paddock D.D.
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Rev J. R. Howlett D.D.	Rev H. L. Mayland D.D.
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Rev J. Max Hark. (Moravian)	Mrs Kay (Boston)
Rev E. D. Schweinitz D.D.	

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 Prof M. J. Mann D.D.
 Prof H. E. Jacobs D.D.
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 Rev S. A. K. Francis
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 Rev H. M. Conrad D.D.
 Rev J. C. Baum
 Rev L. E. Albert D.D.

Hon James M. Burnes M.C. Mo

Letters sent to Missouri for petitions to Hon J. M. Burnes
 Presbyterian

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 Rev J. A. Gerhard
 Rev R. S. Campbell D.D.

Rev H. Beillard D.D.
 Rev E. P. Foster
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 Rev J. M. P. Oltz
 Rev J. P. Wood
 Rev H. A. Smith
 Rev J. H. Smith Episcopal
 Rev J. H. Glenn Baptist
 Rev L. P. Quin

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 Rev B. B. Chambers
 Rev J. P. Holcomb
 Rev E. L. Read
 Rev A. H. Adams
 Rev C. W. Dobbs
 Rev L. A. Keigdon
 Rev J. L. Rensford D.D.

Washington D.C.
 — April 20 6

Dear Bro Hark-

We wish to secure \$50,000
 for Education in Alaska in order to ex-
 tend the work. This will directly help
 your Moravian Stations at Bethel
 & the new one at Ft Alexander

Please write Mr Randall a strong
 letter. Let A. Heisel & others to
 write him.

Please push the matter as you
 so will know how -

I hope to send you my report
 in a couple of weeks -

Your Bro in Christ
 Sheldon Jackson

You need not send enclosed letters to
 Mr Randall, as he has a set.

Washington D.C.
 April 20 6

Rt Rev Bishop Wilmer
 Dear Sir

The Rev Mr S. Langford
 Secy. Gen Secretary of the Mission Board
 of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the
 U.S. has contracted for a Government
 School in Alaska, and if Congress in-
 creases the appropriation for Education
 in that Country, the Mission Board
 will take a second School -

I have written to a few of your
 Clergy in Mr Hornes's District to
 write him & encourage him to favor
 the increased appropriation.

A letter from you to Mr Hornes
 would I think greatly help in the matter.
 Very Truly Yours
 Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C.
 April 21st 6

Am James Sheakley
 Greenville Pa

Dear Friend

Mr Randall is now making
 up the Sundry Civil Bill. which carries
 education in Alaska -

Please write him a strong letter
 for \$50,000 for schools. \$100,000 could
 be judiciously used, but we will be
 satisfied with \$50,000 - this

You need not send him the en-
 closed tables; as he has them -

When you come to Washington
 let me know where to find you & I
 will call on you -

Truly Yours
 Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
April 21st 6

Hon W. Kimmel

Chairman of Penn^a - Dem Com^{tee}

Dear Friend

You did such good service two years ago in behalf of Alaska, that I am encouraged to ask your assistance again.

Mr Randall is now making up the "Sundry Civil Bill" which carries with it the appropriation for Education in Alaska.

It is very necessary that we should have an increase from \$25,000 of two years ago to \$50,000 this coming year.

If it is not taxing you too much please write Mr Randall and ask him to devise liberal things for Education in Alaska. The members of the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Moravian Churches

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of Pennsylvania are interested in this
Appropriation. They will watch to
see what the Appropriation Committee
does in the matter, and it will be a
stroke of policy for Mr Randall to give
\$5,000. It will also be good judge-
ment and sound public policy.

You need not send Mr Randall
the enclosed tables, as I will see him
that he has them.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

More than one half of the teachers
in Alaska are from Penn^a.

Washington D.C.
April 21st 6

Mrs Gray
 No 14. Tremont Temple Boston

Dear Sir

The "Sundry Civil Bill" which contains the Appropriation for Education in Alaska is now being made by a Sub Committee, of the Committee of Appropriations of the House of Representatives

In order that we may send out new teachers and provide them with comfortable school rooms the Appropriation should be increased from \$20,000 which was voted two years ago to \$50,000 for the coming year.

The Hon John D. Long, Congressman from Plymouth and Norfolk Counties of Mass is on that Committee

Now you can greatly assist the general work of Education in Alaska, and make Prof & Mrs Roscoe more comfortable in their work if you can assist us in securing the appropriation of \$50,000.

This you can do through Mr Long. Please write him in behalf of your Soc and tell him that the Baptists of Mass will greatly appreciate it, if he will use his influence in the Committee in favor of \$50,000 for Education in Alaska.

Also write your Baptists Ministers and Auxiliary Missionary Societies in the Counties of Norfolk & Plymouth and ask them also to write Mr Long on this subject.

This is a very important matter & worth all the time you can give to it.

Yours Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 21 6

Mrs Daggett

287 Bunker Hill St Boston.

Dear Sister

Yours received. In reply
 permit me to say the Maps in Connection
 with Pettruff's Census Report of Alaska which
 I sent you have the names of all the little
 islands of the Aleutian & other groups.

For your purpose in Boston it is as good
 as the Map Mr Hyde has.

Have Mr Hyde secure a pass
 for Mr & Mrs Miller on the Alaska Com-
 mercial Co. Steamer leaving San Francisco
 September 10th. This will be cheaper for
 him than the Schooner.

The proposed Schooner does not
 belong to the Government, but will be
 chartered to take in the teachers and

School supplies. It is probable that the teachers will be required to pay what they would on any other vessel, and the additional expense be taken from the Alaska School fund.

Mr Miller has definitely determined to go to Unalakleet.

The second teacher will be sent to Atka Island probably. The salary will be just the same as at Unalakleet - i.e. - \$1500.

Whether we can send a second family will depend on the Appropriation. We have asked for an increase from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

The "Sundry Civil Bill" which contains the Alaska Educational Appropriation is now being made up.

Hon John D. Long, Congressman from Mass is on that Committee. Please write urging him to use his influence for \$50,000 -

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Also if you know of any of his personal friends in or around Boston, or any influential parties, whose names will have influence with him, induce them to write him.

Also write the M.E. Minister at Hingham Plymouth Co. Mass. (the residence of Mr Long) and have Mr Long's neighbors & influential friends write him.

It will be a good thing to write to all the M.E. Ministers & Woman's Missionary Societies of Plymouth County to have petitions sent Mr Long for an appropriation of \$50.00 for Education in Alaska.

This matter is worthy much painstaking on your part.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Education

Washington D.C.

April 22nd 6

— the School at St Michael Alaska

Wm. B. Gardiner,

Acting Commissioner

52 1 Box Gillott's Steel Pens 404
 4 2 Ream Letter Paper
 64 8 doz Pen holders
 148 8 doz Lead Pencils
 160 2 doz Rulers
 48 Men Tablets Aorted Sizes
 2 2 Boxes Spencerian Pens Nos 2 + 3
 52 1 Box Esterbrook Pens no 444
 105 1/2 doz Combined Pencil & ink Erasers

To be Mailed to Prof
 C. Parker. St Michael. Alaska
 Care of Alaska Commercial Co
 310 Sansome St-
 San Francisco. California

Washington D.C.

April 23rd 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett

287 Bunker Hill St Boston

Dear Sister

Yours of 21st just received.
Bristol Bay is taken by the Moravians
who are sending a man up there to put
up buildings at an expense of about
\$5000. They probably put \$3000 into
buildings at Bethel.

Some of your questions were answered
in my letter of yesterday.

No married teacher will be asked to go
on less salary than \$1000. which will
enable them to be comfortable & lay up
something.

Mr Miller is sent for Umanakto
If you take Atukia Island (Nagovik
Village) your Church will have 2

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Tol of all the Aleutian Islands -
During the Summer vacations interesting
trips can be made by the teachers

The Training School, when started
will be at Unalakka and not at
Bristol Bay.

If Congress will give \$50,000 we
can help some of the teachers to good
School buildings, so that I repeat
what I wrote you yesterday, write
the Methodist Ministers & Auxiliary
Woman's Mission Societies in Nor-
folk & Plymouth Counties Mass. to write
to Mr John D Long, who is on the Com-
mittee of Appropriations to work hard
for an appropriation of \$50,000 for
Education in Alaska - Whatever is
done in this line should be done at once

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.

April 23 6

Mr Chas W. Miller

Attens Gunn

Dear Brother

Your letters of 19 & 21st received, and I am glad you have definitely decided to go to Unalakhta. When the Commissioner of Education returns to the City, I will have your Commission made out.

Between now & starting I would suggest that you give all the attention you can to normal methods of teaching.

Also if you have an opportunity, go before your State & or County Superintendents of Schools and procure a Certificate to teach, which you will please forward us according to our regulations.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

April 23^d 6

Rev Mr S. Langford D.D.

Secretary

Dear Brother.

I have received a telegram from Rev C. Parker that himself, wife 3 Children & servant will leave Portland about the 29th. I will have every thing in readiness for them at San Francisco.

I feel some misgivings as to the welfare of the Children.

Have you carefully considered all the possibilities of the Situation?

Suppose when he reaches St Michael he finds no building that he can go in to? Or the vacant trading post has to be removed across the Straits and reerected? I hope you will

give him discretionary power to take such action in reference to building & repairs as will make them comfortable.

If we can get an appropriation of \$50.000 for Education in Alaska, I will favor chartering a small schooner and sending up the materials for a house with a carpenter to erect it.

As I wrote you on the 20th, Congressman S. J. Randall from Philadelphia (as Chairman of the Com^{tee} of Appropriations of the House of Representatives and also Chairman of the Sub Committee on the "Sundry Civil Bill" has it in his sole power to recommend \$50.000 instead of \$25.000 for Education in Alaska.

As the \$50.000 will keep your teacher to a building, you see the importance of reaching Mr Randall -

If your Clerk in Philadelphia will take hold of the matter & write Mr Randall; also have such of their

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influential parisoners, as they can
persuade to write Mr Randall, an in-
fluence will be brought to bear on him
that he will not consider it wise or
politic to ignore.

If you deem it wise send a circular
letter to the Phil^l Clergy, or take such
other action as you think will meet
the case.

Whatever is done, needs to be done
promptly.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

April 23 6

Rev H. A. Mc Gwire D.D.

Nashville Tenn.

Dear Sir

About a year ago the Commissioner of Education had some correspondence with you concerning your Church Cooperating with the Government in the establishment of public Schools in Alaska

I believe that nothing was done on account of expense.

Now if you can recommend us one or two experienced teachers, who are members of your Church (It is desirable that one of them should be a Minister) we will employ them at Government expense.

The Government Schools are

taught in the English language among a people who do not understand English; it being the purpose of the Government through these schools to train the rising generation into English speaking American Citizens

The schools of course are on a non-sectarian basis. It is the purpose of the Government however as far as possible to have religious teachers, believing that under the peculiar conditions of that country, others will not be as efficient

Deciding that it was wisest to send as far as possible religious teachers we are trying to select them from all the leading religious denominations

This will widen the circle of sympathy and quicken the interest of the general public in Alaska Education, and will prevent the cry of sectarianism. In following out this plan, we have

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left South East Alaska to the Presbyterians, who had good schools there years before the Government took up the work.

A Baptist teacher goes to Kodiak Island; an Episcopalian to St. Michael a Methodist (north) from Alabama to Unalaska. The Moravians are already at Bethel & are sending another to Fort Alexander; and we would like two teachers from your Church for Bell Koffsky & Unga.

The teachers should possess good teaching ability. This is essential. We wish to commence the Alaska Schools with first Class teachers,

They should also have warm Christian hearts and a knowledge of human nature, sound sense, tact in dealing with men (for they will meet the jealousy of the Russo Greek Church, which predominates in that region) good health & a cheery disposition.

(for the long nights of winter are depressing) They have no mail from September to April and at irregular intervals in the summer. They will have many discomforts and inconveniences; but the country is beautiful & healthful, and the winters (so far as cold is concerned) as mild as the valley of the Ohio River.

But those who go, should possess a missionary spirit, and not go for comfort, climate or salary, but from love to souls and humanity.

To such there is an open field of great promise. And if the sacrifice is great, the future reward will be greater. They can plead the promise to those that leave home, parents &c. — "a hundred fold more"

The Government wishes married teachers. The teacher needs a comfortable home. A well ordered American home is in itself an object lesson for the elevation of those people. A teacher needs a good wife to

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Keep his courage up in the work.
Then the temptations to licentiousness are
so great in that region, that it is not
right to subject an unmarried man
to the temptation.

A man & his wife there can live
with comfort on \$1000. or less according
to their habits. The Government
will pay them the first year \$1200
Salary & \$300 travelling expenses and
\$1500 the second year. Or what
amounts to the same thing the Govern-
ment will pay \$1500 a year.

They provide their own residence
and the Government provides the
school room. Ultimately when
Congress provides an adequate appro-
priation, it is proposed to build
Teacher's residences.

The Commissioner of Education
is proposing to charter a sailing
vessel to leave San Francisco for

Payer Sound about July 1st.
This vessel will take the teachers, their
household furniture & supplies, school
furniture & supplies &c &c direct
to their several stations.

Dr Haygood writes me that you
know a good teacher in California who
would like to go. If you can recommend
his teaching qualifications, please
place me in communication with him
at once.

I notice that the Public
Schools of Virginia have closed their
doors. Perhaps through your Clergy-
men in that State you can get hold
of two first class teachers, who would
like to go to Alaska. We have three
times the number of teachers offering,
that we can employ, but just now we
want two from your Church -

Very truly yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
 ——— April 23rd 6

Rev A.G. Haygood D.D.

Oxford Ga

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 21st is
 before me.

I am sorry to have lost Messrs
 Carney & Reed.

I will write at once to Bishop
 McTyre. You know what we
 need, Skill in teaching, joined to
 piety, good sense & health.

I am much obliged to you for
 the trouble of writing Senator Colquitt
 in my behalf.

Your Bro in Christ
 Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C.
 April 23^d 6

Col C. H. Baines

2021 Spring Garden St.
 Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir

Rev H. L. Mayland of your City has given me your name as one that is always interested in movements that have for their object the Education or Amelioration of the race.

Therefore I make bold to write you in behalf of the poor people of Alaska.

Two years ago Congress passed a small appropriation of \$20,000 to Commence public schools in Alaska.

With that small sum, the Bureau of Education has established nine ~~schools~~ schools. But to give the whole population school facilities would require many more

Then too we ought to erect some School buildings! The funds we had, sufficed merely to pay Salaries and rent buildings (mostly log) for School rooms. See enclosed letter from Rev Dr Atkinson on the subject of School rooms.

Now in order to increase the number of School rooms, and schools, we have asked for the coming year the Modest sum of \$50,000. - Modest, when you remember that it is to give School privileges to 35,000 people. The Commissioner of Education and the Governor of Alaska have both united with me in the request for \$50,000.

The request is so reasonable, that you would think at first, that it did not need any outside pressure.

But when you remember the tendency on the part of Congress men

to cut off Appropriations, in order to make political Capital out of seeming to run the Government economically and remember that such a lopping off will naturally fall on an out-of-the-way place like Alaska that has no voters, you can readily see how even a very worthy Cause, needs the help of its friends in Congress.

The Hon S. J. Randall, Congressman from your City is Chairman both of the General Appropriation Committee of the House of Representatives and of the Sub Committee that has charge of the "Sundry Civil Bill" in which the Appropriation for Alaska Education appears.

It therefore rests almost exclusively with Mr Randall whether Congress appropriates the old sum of \$25,000 or increases it to \$50,000

I will have a talk with Mr Randall

And explain matters to him. I have found out however in days past, that even good men in Congress will consider not only the merits of the proposition, but also whether it will help them with their constituents. Very properly, if they think their constituents want a thing to be done, they try to do it.

On this principle, the more good men in Philadelphia that write Mr Randall to devise liberal things for Education in Alaska, the more ready he will be to recommend the needed \$50,000.

And it is fortunate that I have a Pennsylvania Constituency to appeal to, for about half of the teachers and missionaries in Alaska are from Pennsylvania, and the Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterian, Episcopal and Moravian people of Pennsylvania are greatly interested in Alaska Education. Some of the Government

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Schools are Contract Schools with their denominations, so that there is probably no appropriation made by Congress to be expended outside of the borders of the State, that has so many warm friends in the State as this appropriation for Education in Alaska.

I mail you this P.M. my report on the Commencement of the work in Alaska. Please give it some consideration & then with the facts in your head & the needs of those people on your heart, please sit down and write Mr. Randall a good strong letter for \$50,000 for Education in Alaska -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
 April 23^d 6

Prof S. A. Sayman

Corsica Pa

Dear Brother

Yours of yesterday is received. You need not send to Clarion as Prof A. S. Davis will attend to that place. It will be well however to have Editor Barr, of the Pittsburg ~~Gazette~~ Post (and any and all other Democratic Editors you can reach) write strong letters to Mr Randal. The more influence can be brought to bear on Mr Randal the surer the appropriation.

If he thinks that it will be a popular appropriation with the people of Penn^a, of course he will make it.

Very Truly Yours
 Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
April 24th 6

Miss Kate A. Rankin
 963 Lawrence St. Denver ^{Col}

Dear Sister

Your letter from Portland received. The check for your salary (\$13.25) was sent to Sitka. It will probably be returned to you about May 1st.

They are now to have two steamers a month to S. E. Alaska.

The receipts you sent me for Janitor were not in order and I have returned them to Mr Kelly requesting him to have them placed in shape & then returned to me. They should have read "Received of Miss Rankin \$0.00 to. Charlie" I am sorry for the delay in receiving your money.

I am much obliged to you for

the appreciative words you so kindly
spoke to Dr Atkinson.

Mrs Jackson will be glad to hear
from you, whenever your hand is well
enough to write with comfort.

I hope the rest of home & the bracing
air & sunshine of Denver will speed the
return you to health.

Yours Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.

April 24th 6

Rev E de Schweinitz D.D.

Bethlehem

Dear Brother

I am glad to hear that you were able to obtain so many letters to Mr Randale.

If Mr Wolf goes out in June to erect the buildings, have you thought of the advisability of Mr Wolf & Miss Bradley going up on the September steamer and joining him?

This would gain a year on the school. The Commissioner of Education has decided that if the Appropriation passes Congress he will charter a sailing vessel to take teachers & supplies to Kodiak, Unalaska & Belkoffke &c.

Rev Octavio Parker, wife & children

and servant (Episcopalians) sail May
10th for St. Michael. Alaska.

Rev Charles N. Miller + wife (Methodists)
will go to Unalaska probably on chartered
vessel.

Ever Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
 ——— April 24th 6

Rev Octavius Parker

St Michael Alaska

Dear Sir

I have sent you by mail to
 the care of the Alaska Commercial Co
 310 Sansome St San Francisco. Cal for
 the school at St Michael

1 Copy Lieut Ray's Report on Point Barrow

" Elliott's Ice Islands

" Petroff's Alaska

" Hewitt on Pedagogy

" Park on Teaching

" Northend's Teacher's Assistant

" Grant's School Keeping

" Paine's Lectures on Education

" Educational Report 1882-3

" " 1883-4

4 Boxes of the same

For Teacher's Library

8 Doz Pen Holders
12 " Lead Pencils
2 " Rulers
2 Reams Letter Paper
Drawing Paper
1/2 Doz. Rubber & Ink Erasers
48 Memoranda Tablets.
1. Box of Sewing Materials
1 Clock Globe

Before you leave San Francisco I hope to send you orders for school books, seats &c &c. Also directions with regard to school buildings &c.

As soon as you get located in your New home, your first duty is to get every thing fixed up snugly for the coming winter. Make your home just as comfortable and pleasant as you can under the circumstances and the means at your disposal. This should be your first work. After your home is all fixed up, then give your atten-

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tion to the School Room, of which I will write you in a few days as soon as I see the Commissioner of Education (He is now absent from the City)

When all is fixed, you will open School. It is to be taught in English. The purpose of the Government is to train up English Speaking Citizens. You will therefore give special attention to language.

With the book studies you will give considerable time to industrial training. The Hand Book on Sewing & box of Sewing Material sent you, will show what is desirable in the way of teaching the girls plain Sewing.

You will give at least two half hours each week to instruction in Sewing.

Also two half hours each week to Drawing. The drawing largely to be done on slates & blackboards, but paper & pencil can be given to those who take unusual pains & show some proficiency.

As a reward of Merit, every Summer
 receive and me a good selection of the drawings
 with name & age of Child.

The School year Consists of 4 terms
 of ten weeks each, - 5 days to the week.
 As far as practicable a school day will
 consist of $8\frac{1}{2}$ hours. ie - 9 to 12 - 1 to 4
 with 15 minute intermission morning &
 afternoon.

In the Teacher's Register you will
 enter the name of every separate person that
 attends school. At the close of each month
 you will make out in duplicate a report of
 number of days of school during the month.
 No of Boys. No of Girls. No of Adults. Total
 Attendance. Average Attendance.

You will make out these reports each
 month, then lay them aside until you have
 an opportunity of mailing them to the Bureau
 of Education Washington, in the Envelopes
 furnished you.

At the close of each school year you
 will make out an itemized list of all books
 & other school property at your station and
 mail them to the Bureau of Education

Fuel, oil &c you will purchase
 at Haskin Commercial Co's store,

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And next Spring when the Agent at St. Michael makes out his bill to send to the General Office at San Francisco, you will look it over, and if it is correct, you will so certify on the bill.

You will be held personally responsible for all the School property as long as you shall continue in Charge of the School and until it is turned over to and receipted for by your successor.

Pupils are not to be allowed to take books, Slates &c &c from the School room to their homes.

You will please paste the labels sent you in all the Government books - As soon as the Commissioner returns to the City I will write you further -

Yours Truly

J. H. Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

You had better take a box of the more Common Carpenter tools with you

Washington D.C.
April 24th 6

W.C. J. Minthorn

Arwberg Or

Dear Sir

Yours is received - In reply I would say that there is no change in the situation of Alaska Schools - and consequently no opening in the Industrial line.

I have your name prominently on my list, as I am anxious to utilize your experience & willingness, but it is getting so late that I fear nothing will be done this summer towards a New Industrial Boarding School.

If anything opens up, I will immediately notify you.

A successor has yet been appointed to Mr Oberly.

Very truly yours
 Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
April 26th 6

Maj Powell

Superintendent of Indian Affairs
 British Columbia

Hon & Dear Sir

I mail you this morning the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

In a few weeks I will be able to send you my report on Alaska Schools.

Please mail me care of Bureau of Education, two copies of your Report on Indian Affairs in British Columbia.

They are greatly needed in the work of this office.

Also if you can secure me a copy of the "Investigations of the Metlakatla Affairs" by your Parliament I will be under great obligations to you.

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I also mail you a copy of the
Reports of this Bureau for 1882-83
and 1883-84 - the last published.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 26th 6

Mr Mc Dougall
 Gen^l Manager of Firm of
 Locks & Singerman
 Seattle Wash Terr

Dear Sir

Mr John G. Brady of Sitka Alaska
 has referred me to you as the Seattle agent
 of the Steam Schooner Leo.

Unless you have full power to act,
 please write Mr Brady by the first mail and
 request him to reply by return mail & give
 you authority to act in the matter of
 chartering the Leo.

If we receive an expected appropri-
 ation from Congress for Education in Alaska
 I will charter the Leo or some other sailing
 vessel with steam attachment to take
 some teachers, their household furniture,

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groceries, & other supplies, school furniture
& supplies, lumber &c from Puget Sound
to the Aleutian Islands via Sitka.

There will probably be 12 passengers going
out and two returning.

If Mr Brady should wish to do some
trading on the trip, there will be nothing
to prevent his taking along a stock of goods
and spending a few days at Kodiak
Unga, Belkoffsky, Unalaska & Atka.

Now what I wish is to know at what
price I can charter the Leo for July & August.

If the Leo can not be had, let me know
the probabilities of securing another suitable
vessel in Puget Sound. And at what price.

If I can start from Puget Sound Seattle
will secure the outfitting of 5 families &
as many schools.

If a good vessel and a reasonable
rate can not be had in the Sound,
then I will start from San Francisco.

I do not care to have much said

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About this, or have it get into the papers.
Is Capt. L~~id~~man, still in Command
of the Leo?

Please let me hear from you as
early as convenient

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 26th 6

Mr Charles W. Mills

10 California St. San Francisco

Dear Sir

As you were so kind as to find a sailing vessel last Spring for the Moravian route to Bering Sea Alaska, I make bold to write you for information. Mr James B. Roberts of your City, who introduced Mr Winland to you, will also endorse me.

If the Appropriation for Education in Alaska is made by Congress, as is expected, this Bureau is proposing to charter a sailing vessel of some description either at San Francisco or on Puget Sound to go to Sitka Kodiak, Unalaska, Belkowsky & Unalakleet - probably consuming the months of July and August. A sailing vessel

With Auxiliary Steam power making it to get in & out among the islands would be preferred

There will be five teachers & their wives making ten, myself & another gentleman (perhaps) - probably a party of 12 going in and 2 coming out. The five families will have their household furniture & supplies. There will also be desks, books & other supplies for five schools, and perhaps 15 to 20,000 feet of lumber, sash, door &c. &c.

Now, it is not too much trouble please give me information on the following points

1st About what size vessel will the above load require

2nd Approximate price for a two months charter.

3rd Can a suitable sea worthy vessel probably be secured for July & August.

4th How long in advance will

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An official order need to be sent me.

5 Does Charter price include table board for the Company.

The above questions are simply to gain an approximate idea of the cost of sending a party of teachers into Western Alaska.

If we shall need such a vessel. Can you negotiate for us?

You can enclose your reply in the enclosed envelope without further postage.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 26th 6

Hon James A. Crozer

Menominee, Mich

Hon and Dear Sir,

Being interested to know the Character of the Officers that we have over us in Alaska and rumors having reached me that Gov A. P. Swineford drank intoxicating liquors (sometimes to excess) gambled & was a libertine, I wrote to some of the Ministers in Northern Mich to learn his standing & record where he is known

The Rev A. W. Bill, formerly of your place referred me to you.

I will consider it a favor if you will let me know what you think of Mr Swineford's Character & his suitability for the Govern^{or}ship of a distant

Territory. I also desire permission
to show your reply to Sen C. D. Conger
Senator from your State, who has taken
a great interest in the welfare of Alaska.

Very truly yours

Sheldon Jackson
Bureau of Education
Washington
D.C.

Washington D.C.
April 27th 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett

287 Bunker Hill St. Boston

Dear Sister

Your letter of the 24th has just reached me. I do not telegraph because there is too much of it.

The situation is as follows. The Hon W^m S. Holman of Indiana is Chairman of the Sub Committee of Appropriations for the House of Representatives in the "Legislative Bill". I supposed that the appropriation for Education in Alaska would come under that bill, and consequently saw Mr Holman. He informed me that it would be placed in the "Sundry Civil Bill" of which, Hon Samuel L. Randall of Pa is Chairman & Hon John D. Long of Mass a member. Hence I wrote you for

letters to be sent to Gov Long.

This morning I saw Mr Randall & he says that it belongs to Mr Holman's Sub Committee. In the uncertainty I do not see, but that it is necessary to work on both Committees and as they are all members of the General Committee of Appropriations, it will all work towards the ultimate result. Hence I send

you the following names & locations.

Hon Samuel J. Randall. Philadelphia

Hon Wm S. Holman, Dearborn, Decatur

Franklin, Jefferson, Ohio, Ripley,

Switzerland & Union Counties, Indiana

(Please give special attention to Mr Holman's District)

Hon Richard M. Townsend. Clinton,

Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Har-

dine, Jefferson, Marion Saline and

White Counties, Illinois

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Hon Joseph E. Cannon. Champaign,
Leoles. Douglass, Edgar & Vermillion
Counties Illinois.

Hon Benjamin Butterworth. Cincinnati, O.

Hon James M. Burnes. Andrew, Atchison
Buchanan, Holt. Nowaday and Platte
Counties Missouri

Hon Thomas Ryan. Butler, Chase Coffey
Greenwood, Lyon. Marion. Morris.

Osage, Shawnee. Wabaunsee and
Woodson Counties Kansas.

Senators

Hon Wm B. Allison. Iowa

Hon Henry L. Dawes. Mass

Hon Francis M. Cockrell Missouri

Hon Eugene Hale Maine

Hon James B. Beck. Ky

The above are on the two Sub Com-
mittees and also the General Appropri-
ation Committees of the Senate & House
of Representatives & have in their hands
the fate of Education in Alaska.

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Perhaps it may be advisable for you to
see Mrs A. E. Gray. (No 14 Tremont Temple
Apt) Sec of the Baptist Women's H. M. Soc.
and give her a copy of the enclosed list.

The Counties given are those that
elect the respective Congressmen.

With all our efforts let earnest
prayer go up that God will dispose our
rulers to heed these requests.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
April 27th 6

Prof S. A. Sayman

Corsica Pa

Dear Sir

Yours of the 26th is received.
 Articles in Newspapers will be a help,
 particularly, if you can have them go in
 as Editorials.

Everything that helps manufacture
 public opinion & produces a pressure
 will help.

Yours Truly,
 Sheldon Jackson

Hon James A. Barnes of Ill.
 Hon Thomas Ryan of Kansas
 Hon Benjamin Butlerworth of C
 Hon Wm H. Horner, of Ala
 Hon Richard W. Townsend of Ill
 Hon George C. Cabell of Va.

Washington D.C.

April 27th 6

Hon Richard W. Townsend

House of Representatives

Hon & Dear Sir

As a member of the Sub
 Committee of the House of Rep on the
 "Legislative Bill" you may be called upon
 to act with reference to the Appropriation
 for "Education of Children in Alaska"
 (Letter of Sec of the Treasury, transmitting
 Estimates of Appropriations, Page 62)

That you may have the Character
 and Needs of the work before you, the
 Bureau of Education mails you to-day
 Advance sheets of the Alaska School Report.

Your attention is called to the Map
 of Alaska (page 88 of Report) with the location
 of the schools marked, - to the Statistics
 of the Schools (Pages 35, 36 & 37), - and

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to the necessities of the work (pages 2 & 3 of Report) for the coming year.

The Estimate of the Secretary calls for \$25000, but the Estimate of the Governor of the Territory calls for \$50,000 in his Annual Report to the Secretary of the Interior. (see page 44 of Report) and \$40,000 in the Estimate.

The U.S. Commissioner of Education also asked for \$50,000. And by reference to the tables at the commencement of the Report, it will be seen that \$50,000 is absolutely necessary.

If you desire further information, or an interview in which you can ask questions, please set time & place and it will afford me great pleasure to call upon you and furnish you with such information as I can.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

My Address is

Bureau of Education
Washington D.C.

Washington D.C.

April 27

Hon John D Long

House of Representatives

Hon & Dear Sir

You will find the law organizing Common Schools in Alaska on page 42 of the Enclosed report.

The estimate of the Governor of Alaska is found on page 44. And tables showing the need of \$50,000 on page 2 & 3 -

Opposite page 88 is a map with location of schools.

Whether this appropriation continues in the "Legislative Bill" or is turned over to the "undry Civil" Please use your influence with your fellow members to secure an appropriation that is sufficiently large to do at least as much for Alaska schools as Russia did

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I enclose you a slip showing what
the Republican officials considered
necessary for Alaska Schools -

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C. April 28th 1886
 Mr Salamon Ripsky
 Unalakka

Dear Sir

When 200 full days of school have been kept from last Oct. when you commenced, (This is actual school days not counting Saturdays, Sabbaths or holidays in which there was no school) you will close the school for the summer vacation.

Arrangements for next year are all awaiting action of Congress. If the appropriation bill goes through all right then probably you will be asked to go to Belkofsky, Afognak or some other point for next year -

It is possible that I may charter a sailing vessel & reach Unalakka about August 1st with teachers &c

Very truly yours

Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C.

April 28th 6

Prof H. J. Minthorn

Newberg Lam Hill Co. C

Dear Brother

Yours of the 16th is just received
I at once went to the Indian Office

While I made no definite application
and of course received no definite reply
It sounded matters, and my conclusion
is that nothing will be done.

I therefore return you your papers.
I am sorry that there is no apparent
opening for you in the Indian work in
which you are so interested

The Indian Bureau give \$167 per
Child for the training of Indian Chil-
dren in Schools in the States.

If you are thinking of taking any
at Newberg, you had better write the

Commissioner of Indian Affairs for
particulars.

As there is now a vacancy in the
Office of Sup^t of Indian Schools, I pre-
sume there will be more or less delay
in School matters.

Wishing you all success. I re-
main yours truly

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
 ——— April 27th 1896

Rev George Winton
 Pacific Methodist College
 Santa Rosa, California

Rev & Dear Sir

Bishop Mc Lysire of Nash-
 ville has sent me your name as a
 good teacher, who perhaps will be willing
 to take a school in Alaska

They are Government day schools
 taught in the English language among
 a people who do not understand English.

It is the purpose of the Government
 through these schools to train the rising gen-
 eration into English speaking American
 citizens

They are of course on a
 non sectarian basis. It is the purpose
 of the Government however as far as pos-
 sible to have religious teachers, believing

that under the peculiar conditions existing in that country, none others will be successful.

Deciding to send religious teachers, we are trying to select them from the leading religious denominations of the country in order to widen the circle of sympathy, and quicken the interest of the general public in Alaska Education, and also to prevent the cry of Sectarianism.

In following out this plan, we want two efficient teachers from the M.E.Ch. South. Bishop Mc-Lyre & Dr A.G. Kaygood were written to and your name has been mentioned.

The school year consists of 40 weeks of 5 days each. Sessions as usual from 9 to 12 & 1 to 4. The salary is \$1500, paid quarterly on receipt of monthly school reports. This salary amounts the 1st year to \$1200 salary & \$300 travelling expenses. It has been decided that

it is better for both teacher & Government to lump it all under salary -

A man & his wife with ordinary economy ought to live on less than \$1000 a year, so that after the first year he can lay by from 500 to 700 dollars per annum.

The Government provides a school room, desks, books, slates, pen, ink &c &c. Also fuel & lights for school room.

The teacher rents or provides his own residence.

The points we wish two teachers join our church for, are Unga (on the Lhu-
'agin Islands) & Belkopsky.

They have no mail from October to the following March and at irregular intervals during the summer. There is no cultivated society - no resident physician. The country is a rainy & foggy one, but very healthful notwithstanding. There will be many discomforts and annoyances.

Those who go need to possess a missionary

Spirit. They should be animated not alone by considerations of Comfort, Climate & Salary, but from love to honest humanity. To such there is an open field of great promise. And if the sacrifice is great, the future reward will be greater. They can plead the promise that those who have left home, parents &c shall receive an "hundred fold more" To teachers possessed of that Spirit, it is not all dark. The scenery is grand & beautiful, the Climate healthful, and the winters comparatively mild, being about the same as that of the Ohio River valley.

The Government wishes Married Men The teacher needs a comfortable home & well ordered American home is in itself an object-lesson for the elevation of those people.

The Government pays each three months promptly, but as the mails are so irregular, the teacher does not receive

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his pay promptly. To get over this difficulty the Alaska Commercial Co., who has stores in all of the leading places of that region, has kindly agreed to allow the teachers supplies from their stores, at the same rates allowed their own employees (which I believe is a small advance on wholesale rates in San Francisco), they will also receive from the teacher an order on the Treasury for a sufficient amount of salary to meet the bills.

Please let me have an early reply whether you are willing to go, if it can be properly arranged.

Perhaps you know of some good teacher of your Church, who would like to accompany you, & with his wife be stationed at Belkowsky.

Very truly yours

Sheeldon Jackson
General Agent.

I mail you a map & some pamphlets.

Washington D.C.
April 27th 6

Mrs W. D. Gregg
 Girard College. Phil^a Pa

Dear Sister

Yours of this am is received
 You ask for the reason for need of in-
 creased appropriation for Education in
 Alaska.

1st The Presidents (Hayes & Arthur)
 Secretary of Interior, (Kirkwood) and
 U.S. Commissioner of Education (Eaton)
 all asked for \$50,000 to Commence
 with & Congress only gave \$25,000

2nd If you will figure up, what
 it will cost to start a School system
 for 35000 people, where the Teachers
 have to be paid large Salaries, where
 the School house & Teacher's residence
 has to be erected, and over \$50,000

becomes an inadequate sum -

Congress has previously directed that the Secretary of the Interior should "Make Needful Provision for the Education of the Children of Alaska".

To Make Needful Provision, teachers are sent from 4000 to 6000 Miles, in Communities where single unmarried lady teachers can not go, consequently a man has to be employed, He transports his furniture groceries, supplies &c from 2000 to 3000 Miles - hence \$1500 is a moderate salary - The lumber, hardware &c for School & residence building is also transported from 2000 to 3000 miles and they need to be built with unusual care because of the Climate hence \$3000 for the two buildings is a very low estimate - That makes Salary & Buildings \$4,500 for each school - 12 Schools will then

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Need \$54,000. But what are
12 Schools for 35,000 people in
so vast a Country. No one will
consider that "needful provision"
See the enclosed letter of Dr Atkinson
on the health of teachers in native
School houses -

In writing Mr Raudall, please make
no allusion to me. Also do not
forward him the printed matter
that is enclosed, as he has it already.

For the want of funds to erect
healthful school house, we are renting
log Carpenter shops, occupying abandoned
tumbling down houses, and making
every possible shift to get along until
Congress shall wake up to the importance
of the work & give increased appropri-
ations. Please remember me very

kindly to your husband & family

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
Linn St

Washington D.C.
April 29th 6

Hon John D. Long

House of Representatives

Hon & Dear Sir

Yours of the 28th is this morn-
 ing received, and I hasten to reply, that
 I will come to the Hamilton this evening
 about seven o'clock with Map & other
 documents

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

As Hon F. A. Johnson of N.Y. has returned
 to the Hamilton, you will find him greatly
 interested in Alaska.

Washington D.C.

April 29th 6

Prof Octavio Parker

Care Alaska Commercial Co
San Francisco. Cal.

Dear Sir

Instructions have been sent
Mr Samuel Carson & Co. 120 Sutter St-
San Francisco to ship the following articles
for the School at Saint Michael!

4 doz Slates	6 doz Copy Books
4 Boxes Slate Pencils	1 Mineral Flame
1/2 doz Bracket Lamps	2 doz Blackboard Erasers
1 Desk Lamp	1 Webster Dictionary
2 Boxes Lamp Chimneys	1 doz Primary Geographies
Lamp Wicks	1/2 " Advanced "
1 Gale Lin oil can	2 " Language Books
6 Boxes Chalk Crayons	1 " Child's History of United States.
2 doz Primary Arithmetics	
1/2 " Medium Grade "	1 Appleton's Primary Reading & Chart.

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1 Doz 1 st Readers	4 Quarts of black ink
" 2 nd "	in 5-cent bottles.
" 3 rd "	1 Clock for School Room
" 4 th "	

You had better call on Messrs Carson & Co
and see that they have received the order
and that there is no mistake in shipping
the goods.

You are authorized to purchase for the
School a large sized box stove. 20 lengths
of Russia iron stove pipe (rolled & punched
with rivets all ready to be put together),
3 elbows, 1 Drum, 1 Shovel, 1 tong, 1 iron
rod poker, 1 sheet iron pail for ashes,
2 axes & handles, 2 Buck saws, 1 Sheet
of Zinc, 1 Hammer, 1 Hatchet, 50 lbs
of Nails (assorted sizes) & 2 doz papers of
Tacks

For lining the sides and ceiling of
the School room 200 yards or 1 piece of
Cheese Cloth, together with sufficient
Cheap wall paper to cover it.

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If there is time you will go to a Carpenter and have made 10 wooden (plain) benches 8 feet long with a slat for a back, but not nailed together. Tie the parts together  in bundles, and nail them when you reach destination.

You will also have made 4 plain Redwood tables 8 feet long, 3 feet wide & 28 or 30 inches high. Like the benches they will be shipped in a knock down state. They have a good wooden blackboard made.

These benches & tables are to take the place in the school room of ordinary desks.

Now as to School Room. When you reach St. Michael, you may find some room that you can secure ~~the~~ use of free of rent. Or some room that you can fix up at slight expense.

Whenever Congress makes a sufficient appropriation, we expect to erect comfortable school houses. Until then, we wish you to get along with as little expense for repairs or rent as possible.

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If you can not secure a school room free of rent, secure it at the lowest possible rate. The same is true of alterations & repairs in the school room, only make those that are absolutely necessary to enable you & the pupils to get along with it for this one winter. Whatever expenditures are made, had better be done by the local Agent of the Alaska Commercial Co and he can charge the bill to the Government. Fuel & Coal oil &c for the school room had also better be procured through him.

Whenever the local Agent makes out a bill against the Government, before he send it to the Head Office of the Company you will look it over, and certify to its correctness over your own signature.

When you make the purchases in San Francisco authorized by this letter please have the firm make out their bill in triplicate on the Bank vouchers

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herewith sent you, and let the same be receipted by them & forwarded in the enclosed Official Envelopes to this Office for payment.

If at any time you have occasion to make any small payments on account of the school, invariably take a receipt and send the receipt with your bill. Such bills will also be made in triplicate and signed on the last line.

Wishing you great success in your difficult and self denying work I remain

Very Truly Yours
John Estlin
Commissioner

Washington D.C.

April 29th 6

Messrs Samuel Curran & Co

150 Sutter St. San Francisco

Dear Sir

You will please procure, pack
to ship the following supplies to Prof
Estimino Parker, St Michael Alaska
Care of Alaska Commercial Co. 310 San-
Anita St San Francisco.

4 doz Slates

4 Boxes Slate Pencils

1/2 doz Metal bracket-lamps

1 Desk Lamp

2 Boxes Lamp Chimneys

Wicks

1 Gall tin oil can

6 Boxes Chalk Crayons

2 Gall Blackboard Slating

6 doz Writing Books

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- 1 Annual Plan
 2 doz Black Board Erasers
 1 Webster's Dictionary
 1 doz Primary Geographies
 1 " Medium Grade "
 2 " Language Books
 1 " Child's History of the U.S.
 1 Appleton's Primary Reading Chart.
 1 Doz 1st Readers
 " 2nd "
 " 3rd "
 " 4th "
 4 Quarts of Black ink in 5-cent bottles
 1 Clock for School Room

Please make bill out in triplicate (as
on March 12th) on enclosed blanks.

Receipt - & mail to this office

Very truly yours,

B. J. B. B. B.

Commissioner

Washington D.C.

April 29th 6

Rev Octavius Parker

San Francisco, Cal

Dear Sir

Perhaps Messrs Carson & Co will
make all your school purchases for you.

The stove, pipe, cloth, wall paper &c.
If you would prefer to have them, you
can request them so to do, & this note
will be their authority.

Just before sailing, write me how
you have prospered in all your ar-
rangements & what the prospects
are at St. Michael.

You & yours will be followed with
many prayers.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Education of Children in Alaska
Education

Sal Ripinsky

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May 1st For salary as teacher of
the U.S. Public School at
Unalakka Alaska at
a salary of \$100.00 per month.

Hot March \$100.00

" April \$100.00

March 1. For November 4-30. 85. \$90.00

11 December 87. 100.00

" January	86.	100.00
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February	86.	100,00
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390.10

\$ 200.00

April 30th 6

Two hundred ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Washington, D.C.
 ————— May 1st 6

W. A. Kelley

Training School Silka

Dear Sir

Your bills received. Permit me to call your attention to the rules of the U.S. Treasury Dept., which require that all bills of money paid out must be accompanied with vouchers for the same.

See the enclosed bill which is returned to you.

The enclosed envelope came to us empty. You will notice it has not been sealed, & if anything was originally enclosed in it, it was lost or taken out.

Please make inquiries & see if anything important was enclosed in it.
 The sworn statement of Joseph [unclear]

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oration. Again & yourself in the same
was received. No other affidavits were
received.

Very Truly Yours
Theodore Jackson
Henderson

Washington D.C.

May 1st 6

Hon A. P. Swineford

Governor of Alaska

Dear Sir

Yours of April 2nd is received
I am glad you have secured a leave of
Absence and trust you will come on to
Washington before your return to Alaska

If I had been the Secretary of the
Interior, you would have been here all
winter. You could have accomplished
far more for Alaska at Washington
than in Sitka.

When you reach here, it will prob-
ably be too late to accomplish any general
legislation this session for Alaska.

When you come on, please let me
know where to find you & I will call at
once. During business hours I can

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be found at the Bureau of Education.
My traveling place 1025 - 9th St. N.W.

We can be mutually helpful in
Alaska matters, if we work together,
And there is no reason, why we should
not.

I hailed the arrival of the Officials
last fall, as my deliverers, and I nat-
urally feel a very warm side towards
them, and have done & will continue
to do, all I can for their interests.

I am very sorry that apparently,
judging from newspaper reports, you
have misapprehended my position,
but I trust you will ever find me a
firm supporter in all your efforts to
develop and promote the interests of
Alaska & her people.

Mr Kelly writes by this mail from
Sitka "The Governor has taken a
decided stand in favor of our school"

I will communicate this to

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Senator Conger, who takes a deep interest in both the School & Missions.

Speaking of the Training School at Sitka allow me to say that I have had no official connection with it since March 1885. It belongs to another branch of the Government Service and does not come under my jurisdiction. I notice by your letter to Mrs Ellis, that you seemed to think that I was in control of it.

I am glad to hear that you are about to take a wife. Permit me to send you hearty congratulations. I hope she will accompany you to Washington.

I mail you at Sitka according to your request a copy of Petroff's Census.

We should have an arrangement with the Secretary of the Interior, by which all public documents relating to Alaska should be sent to you -

Truly yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
 May 1st 6

Dr H. H. White

Greene Corner Maine

Dear Sir

It gives me great pleasure to forward you a teacher's Commission for Juneau, Alaska.

Please notify me of your acceptance.

Also keep me informed of any change of address, so that I can readily communicate with you at any time -

When will you probably leave for Alaska? Will you come via Washington?

Yruly Yours
 Hudson Jackson
 General Agent.

May 1st

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Dr. F. H. White,
Greene Coner, Maine.

Sir:

You are hereby appointed Teacher of the
U. S. Public School at Juneau, Alaska, from July
1st 1886 at an annual salary of fifteen hundred
dollars (\$1500)

You will receive all necessary instructions from
Dr. Sheldon Jackson, U. S. General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

Your certificates and testimonials are sat-
isfactory.

Truly yours,

John C. Stone
Commissioner.

Washington D.C.
May 1st 6

Mr Charles W. Miller

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Dear Sir

It gives me great pleasure
 to forward you a Teacher's Commission
 for Unalashka - Alaska

Please notify me of your acceptance
 Also keep me informed of your post-
 office address, so that I can readily
 communicate with you at any
 time.

Yrly Yours
 Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

May 1st

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Mr Charles W. Miller,
Athens, Tenn.

Sir:

You are hereby appointed teacher of the U. S.
Public School at Unalakaska, Alaska, at an annual
salary of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.)

You will receive all necessary instructions
through Dr. Sheldon Jackson, General Agent of
Education in Alaska.

The recommendation of Rev. John F. Spence, S. S. S.,
President of Grant Memorial University, is satis-
factory.

Truly yours,

J. Van Buren
Commissioner.

Washington D.C.

May 3rd 6

To the Herman's Ex Com^{tee} of N.C. M.
New York

Dear Friends

Permit me to call your attention to the urgent need of a few things for your Siltka Training School, and that they ought to be furnished right away.

I have already called the attention of Drs. Hendall & Roberts & will write them again by this mail on the same subject.

In two months the tourist season will open in Alaska. The three centres of interest at Siltka visited by all tourists are the Native village, the Greek Church and the Training School. Among prominent tourists this summer will be Chief Justice Waite & Justice Matthews of the U.S. Supreme Court and Mr John W. Thompson a prominent banker of Washington D.C.

It will not be only mortifying to the Presbyterian Denomination, but damaging to the reputation of the Board of Home Missions with the Government to have the School appear in its present Condition.

The last set of uniform clothes for the boys was sent in the Spring of 1884. They were kept for Sabbath wear and dress up occasions for one year. In the Summer of 1885 they were compelled to put them on for even day wear, and as a consequence they are now soiled, faded & patched.

In the Winter & Spring of 1885 a requisition was regularly made out, giving measurements &c for a new suit.

Soon after the troubles came on & perhaps Mr Hill, thought best to withhold the requisition until it was seen whether there would be any boys left to clothe. But for whatever cause it may be, no suits were sent & the ~~school~~ boys are not presentable. And if the tourists reach there before the boys are supplied with a new

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Suit you will all be much mortified by the remarks that will appear in the papers. The last uniform they had from Portland was a gray. They would greatly prefer a blue. There is in market goods originally made from for the Army, but a slightly different shade of color, causes it to be rejected. Capt. Pratt buys this up at reduced prices. He would like to make the uniforms for you. If you think best you might write him, also Manamaker also R. W. Hill. What you need is 50 suits. Assorted sizes for boys from 10 to 20 years of age - They are larger across the shoulders & round the waist than the average boys - I suppose you can not get the clothes in time for the steamer of June 1st, but perhaps you can for the steamer leaving Port Townsend June 13th or June 27th at the latest. The suits may already have been ordered. I hope they have.

2nd The School should have a team. Capataists have commenced working the mines near Silka, and the larger boys are offered \$48 a month & board. This will take nearly all large enough to do the heavy work around such a school - for the summer.

On the decision of the New Judge in a recent Habeas Corpus Case, he intimated that the boys were worked too hard. It is a fact that they are worked ~~too~~ way beyond what white boys of their age are -

A team of Mules or Oxen would greatly lighten the work of the School. Mr Kelly writes that if the Board will furnish the team, he will see that the keeping is no expense to the Board -

Can not word be sent to Dr R. W. Hill to procure & ship a team?

3rd I understand that the Board has voted to send a shoe maker - Can not energetic measures be taken to secure a man at once & have him up there

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So that the July & August tourists will find that Department in operation. The managers of the School are reporting that no industries are taught there.

It was recently brought up in Court at Sitka. In this connection

it will be well to allow Mr Kelly \$500 to erect a Carpenter Shop & Boot & Shoe Shop - (Mechanical Hall)

The Carpenter Shop is now in the boy's Kitchen and is cramped for room -

The troubles of last year and the counter assertions of friends & foe concerning the School has brought the Sitka School very prominently into notice, and every tourist that goes up there, will more or less examine into the matter.

If they find the boys neatly clothed, and the children doing well at books & work, the prominence will greatly help the work in the future.

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I had expected to write these same things to the Secretaries, but the letter is so long, that it will save valuable time, if you will please hand this letter to Dr. Muddale & Dr. Roberts -

Congratulating you on your large receipts. I remain with great respect
Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

I enclose you a suggestive list from the Episcopal Missionary Magazine of how they manage Scholarships -

Washington D.C.
 May 3rd 6

Mrs Kendall & Roberts.

Dear Brethren

Being at the Centre in Washington I hear much that is going on behind the scenes.

There is a constant effort being made to create the impression in the Government that the Board is not caring for the School properly - i.e. - Scarcity of Teachers - Scarcity of Clothing & No Trades only in name.

Understanding the Woman's Ex Com^{tee} are to meet to-morrow, I have written them what I intended writing you concerning Clothing, learn, & trades. And requested the Ladies to show you the letter.

I am under instructions to remain here until the Appropriation bill is safe through Congress, consequently I may be here until July.

If you take Mrs Young's School, the probabilities are that the Indian Office will Contract with you, for boarding pupils at Mangell, also at Junction under Mr & Mrs Willard, & also at Jackson under Mrs McFarland - Still Keeping Sitka the Chief School. At least there is a tendency now in that direction.

If you have not already written Loring & Lillie Paul, at Port Lingsass, will it not be well for you to do so at once, stating that they can remove their work from Lingsass to Loring. The Government School has been located at Loring and the probabilities are that the Native population from Port Lingsass will gravitate there.

If you can send me a copy of the figures of their School attendance for each month since last September you will confer a great favor.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
May 4th 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett.

287 Bunker Hill St Boston

Madam

Yours of April 30th was received
this morning

Mr Miller's Commission was sent
him on Saturday. He expects to go
up with us on the Schooner in July.

I spoke of the September steamer be-
cause I thought he would prefer it.

If we can not receive an increase
of appropriation I do not think we can
take a second teacher. However I hope
we shall receive the increase. Therefore
you had better find a teacher who can
go if needed to Athka. I am at work
in the Cabinet as well as the Appropriation
Committee for the increase - Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson.

Washington D.C.

May 3rd 6

Miss L. M^cAvoy
Fort Waugele -

Madam

The Alaska Mail came on Saturday & Friday last. Before filing away your report, I want to call your attention to it. The Month Commences Feb 22, & Ends with March 19th.

Hereafter please make the Monthly report coincide with the Calendar Month. For instance report for "May" 5, 20 or 25 days as the case may be. This will promote uniformity in the report of all the teachers.

Very Truly yours
Sheeldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

May 3rd 6

Rev Jno M. Reid D.D.

New York.

Dear Doctor

Mr Miller of Athens Tenn
has definitely concluded to go to Alaska
and taken his Commission

Mrs Daggett and the Ladies of
Boston wish to be allowed to select the
second M.E. teacher. So that you need
not direct any of the brethren to me at
present.

However if at any time an un-
usually good man, applies to be sent
to Alaska, please send me his name
and address - as I hope the time will
come when we will need several good
teachers from your Church.

Yours Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
May 3rd 6

Rev H. L. Morehouse D.D.

Temple Court New York

Dear Sir

We have just had a telegram
from Prof Roscoe, California accepting
the position of teacher at Kudiak Alaska

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
May 3rd 6

Mrs A.E. Gray

114 Tremont Temple. Boston

Madam

Have just received a telegram from Prof Roscoe, that he accepts the position of teacher at Kodiak Alaska

The Baptists Ladies Can if they wish make Mrs Roscoe their Missionary

Hope you may have a spirited and profitable Annual meeting with an abundant baptism of the missionary spirit

Very Truly Yours
 Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

(Copy)

Western Union Telegraph Company.

Petrolia, Cal.

May 3d, 1886.

To,

Com^r of Education
Washington, D.C.

W. E. Roscoe accepts ap-
pointment as teacher at Kodiak, Alaska.

Explanation by mail.

(Signed) W. E. Roscoe.

Washington D.C.
May 3rd 6

Mr Lewis Gerstle

Pres^t Alaska. Commercial Co
 San Francisco Cal

Dear Sir

Yours of April 26th is at hand
 Much obliged for referring us to Mr J.A.
 Coolidge No 10 California St.

I understand that Dr Langford
 General Secretary has arranged for the credit
 of Prof C. Parker at your store at St-Michael
 I have given Mr Parker instructions
 to purchase fuel, Coal oil &c for the School
 room at St-Michael from your trader.

Please send your trader at that point
 instructions to furnish the School room
 whatever is essential. When the trader
 makes out his bill against the Govern-
 ment, let him submit it to Mr Parker

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And let him (Mr Parker) write at the foot of the bill "I hereby certify that I have received the above articles for the sole use of the Government School

C. Parker"

When you receive such bills, you can forward them to this Bureau for payment. The number of schools to be established in Western Alaska will depend upon the amount of appropriation made.

I fear that this letter is too late to reach you before the sailing of the Steamer

With your Agents at Unalakleet, Nazan, Ungva, Belkoffsky & Kadiak you may give similar instructions with regard to expenses of School.

And some similar arrangement with regard to supplies for teacher & family. Whenever the local Agent has an opportunity of sending to your office, let him make out & present his

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bill to the teacher. Then let the teacher
make out an order like the following.

I will send form to-morrow after
consulting the Disbursing Clerk

But will not delay the balance of
the letter hoping that it may reach
your office before the steamer sails.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson.
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
May 4th 6

Mr May Pracht

Loring Alaska

Dear Sir

Your several letters, papers &c
 we received with thanks.

My report is still at Government
 Printing House, waiting the arrival of
 the illustrations from New York.

Will send you copies as soon as out.
 Prof Layman is waiting on the Appropri-
 ation. Committee It may be five weeks
 yet before we know how much money
 we will have to expend on the Alaska
 Schools. It may be that Congress will
 grant us only sufficient money to pay
 salaries. In that case we can erect no
 buildings this season. I hope however
 they will give us sufficient to erect
 a few needful buildings -

I will watch the progress of your plan
with great satisfaction.

Wishing you great success in all
your movements I remain very truly

Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
May 4th 1886

Mr Wm A. West
 Chief P.O. Inspector
 Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

3rd Apt P.M. Gen Hazen wishes me
 to Communicate with you any further
 information concerning the loss of regis-
 tered package contained in my letter
 to Mr Hazen of April 2nd

I now enclose you a slip clipped
 from the "Alaskan" of March 20th 1886
 that may be of use in your investigations
 Very Truly Yours
 Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C. ^{the}
May 4th 6

Mr Geo B. Johnston

Killisnoo Alaska

Dear Sir

Your letter of April 12th is received.
 Please send me ^{monthly} statistical reports of attendance in duplicate for each of the calendar months. For instance if you kept school 5 days during Feb. make the monthly report for Feb. as follows.

No of Days School.	5
Total Attendance (of different persons)	50
Average Attendance	30
Total No of Boys	20
" " " Girls	25
" " " Adults	5
Number Americans	0
" Creoles (Russian)	6
" Natives	36
" Half Breeds	8

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Make similar reports for March. April
 &c. &c.

As to time when salary commenced
 does not make any practical difference
 school commenced, if I understand it,
 the last of Feb. You keep school 100 days
 which takes you into July, and you are
 entitled to six months pay - or half a
 school year.

If Congress makes a sufficient ap-
 propriation you shall have a new school
 house. Please send me a plan of what
 you consider necessary, and the approx-
 imate cost. How would a well built
 log house answer? Would it be cheaper
 than a frame? I feel very sorry
 that we could not make you more com-
 fortable from the beginning, but we did
 the best we could for you. Keep up
 good courage & you will receive your
 reward -

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C.

May 4th 6

Dear Bro Austin

Your good long letter is received. I greatly rejoice with you all over the result of the Habeas Corpus case - It makes one indignant to think that such men as Berry can stir up trouble and make money out of the fuss.

In case the legal form of the printed indenture or apprenticeship is ever called in question, let the Court know that Mr W. Clark drew it up & charged me \$25 for it, which I paid & have his receipt for.

I wrote Mr Kelly some time ago that he could let Mr Heaton & the boys at work on a boat house, with a Carpenter & Shoe Shop over it. And when he lets me know that he is ready, I will send a check for \$250 towards it.

There will be a large number of tourists up this summer

And every teacher should lay themselves out to make the school appear as well as possible.

It may be 5 or 6 weeks yet before I know what Congress appropriates for the Alaska Schools. Until that is known I will be compelled to remain here as until then, I will not know how many teachers I can arrange for.

It is getting so hot here, that Mrs J - will probably leave for Galzburg all next week. I will remain here until the appropriation bill passes, if it takes all summer.

Capt Pratt at Carlisle & Gen Armstrong at Hampton, put there larger children out among farmers every summer, the children returning to the school in the fall. While absent they are counted as attending the school, the same as they are in winter. Talk it over with Mr Kelly and see if you can not make some such arrangement with the Mining Co's in Silver Bay, for the larger boys. That they will give you to hold on them.

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Will keep up your average, will bring them back in the fall, & will give you Control over them during the summer.

Let all the wages so earned go to the boy. If they will go any how, it is much better if possible to regulate their going.

I hope to receive sufficient appropriation by which a few School buildings can be erected in the fall.

I trust Mrs Austin has recovered from her lameness.

Gov Swineford has reached the city, I hope to call on him to-night.

The affidavit signed by yourself, Messrs Kelly & Deaton & Cragin was safely received. Much obliged. ~~It~~ Now that the Character of the old officials has been proven, it would be helpful, if among you, a paper could be prepared, signed and mailed to the Commissioner of Education stating how efficient I have been, & how much the Signers desire that I should be retained in my present position. The tide is com-

Meaning to move in my favor, and it is
important that it be strengthened in every
possible way by the friends.

Remember me kindly to Mrs Austin,
Louise, teachers & pupils.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.

May 4th 6

Mr J. S. Hodgins M. A. L.L.D.

Deputy Minister of Instruction
Ontario Canada

Dear Sir

Please mail me for the use of
my office a copy of "Hints & Suggestions
on School Architecture & Hygiene for
1886" And greatly obliged Yours truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

May 4th 6

George W. Evans Esq
 Chief of Disbursing Division
 Department of the Interior

Dear Sir

In the establishment of schools in Alaska by this Bureau, some of the teachers are so situated that they can receive their mail but once a year.

The practical result of this is, that over a year will elapse from the time they are employed by the Government before they can receive their salary.

To remedy this I have made arrangements with the Alaska Commercial Co of San Francisco to give the teachers credit at the local store during the year, payment to be made the Company at San Francisco by an order of the teacher on your Office accompanying the usual voucher for salary.

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I will furnish the teachers with a form for the order, they shall send in connection with the usual voucher, which form I enclose with this letter.

If you will kindly arrange, so that these orders can be honored when they reach your Office, you will greatly aid me in adjusting matters for the Alaska schools.

Very Truly Yours

Commissioner

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George W. Evans Esq
Chief of the Disbursing Division
Department of the Interior
Washington D.C.

Hon and Dear Sir

Please pay to the Alaska
Commercial Co. 310 Sansome St. San
Francisco. the sum of ----- dollars
from the Amount due me on salary for
teaching the U. S. School at -----
as per accompanying voucher of this
date.

The ballance of the Amount due
me (\$) please remit in the usual way
Very Truly Yours

Washington D.C.

May 5th 6

Rev H. L. Morhouse D.D.

New York

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 4th is received. The Commissioner of Education detains me here until the Appropriation Bill making provision for Education in Alaska has passed Congress, as he can not tell how many teachers he can pay for until that time.

This may keep me here until June or July. If the Appropriation will justify it, the Commissioner will then charter a sailing vessel and send the teachers & their furniture & supplies direct to their respective fields. If this is not done, I have heard of a vessel leaving San Francisco the last of June direct for Kodiak.

Mr Roscoe has been notified of the delay. I have also arranged with

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the Alaska Commercial Co. by which
he can draw groceries & other supplies from
their store at Kodiak, and pay them
next summer with an order on his
Salary, which will be honored by the
Disbursing Officer in Washington.

This is a general arrangement for all
the teachers, by which they can get along
comfortably with but little ready money.

I trust the arrangements will
prove satisfactory to all parties.

Very Truly Yours

Shepley Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

May 5th 6

Mr Lewis Gerstle

Alaska Commercial Co

San Francisco. Cal

Dear Sir

I enclose you a copy of a Communication which the honorable, Commissioner of Education addressed to the Chief of the Disbursing Division of the Department of the Interior, concerning the payment of supplies furnished by you to the teachers in Western Alaska.

This will apply to the teachers at-
Nazan. Unalaska, Belkoffs Ky. Unga
& Kodiak, when they shall be sent.

The Episcopal Mission Board New York City will arrange with you for the teacher at Saint Michael. And the Moravian Mission Board at Bethlehem Pa will arrange for teachers at Belkoff.

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on Muskokine River. Whenever bills are received from your agents against the schools, or orders from the teachers please remit them at once to this office in the envelopes provided you, and they will be promptly paid.

Bills made out for supplies furnished the schools should be in triplicate on the blank vouchers sent you somewhat similar to the enclosed sample.

The name at the top of the bill on "Dr" line must correspond with the signature on the last line.

If there is anything your Bookkeeper or Cashier does not understand in these arrangements, let him write me.

Hoping these arrangements will prove satisfactory & remain

Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
May 5th 18

Mr E. G. Klose -

Bethlehem Pa

Dear Sir

Enclosed find my Check
 for \$6⁵⁰/₁₀₀, for which please mail me
 Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.
 Another set of the Alaska Photographs

We find them very useful in awaken-
 ing a greater interest in Congress in
 behalf of the Schools -

My report is still waiting the ar-
 rival of illustrations from New York

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C.

May 6th 6

Mr C. E. Boyd

New York

Dear Brother

In response to your request
some time ago for electrotypes of Alaska
I can secure for you Electros of the
enclosed set of views from the Govern-
ment Printing Office for 7¢ for the
set of seven.

Very truly yours

Sheeldon Jackson
General Agent

The enclosed proofs are only imperfectly
inked.

Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.
May 6th 6

Mrs Jas Allison Geo

Pittsburg Pa

Dear Sir

Please send me the name & post-office address of your Washington Correspondent "Glean"

I can occasionally furnish him Educational items

Yrly Yrs
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

May 6th 6

Fry Sarman

Corsica. Pa

Dear Brother

Yours of the 3rd received. I fully approve of all that is done, unless it be the move in the Gen Assembly - I think that would make it appear as if it was a sectarian movement. I would not agitate it in the Assembly.

I do not expect to attend. Can not leave here. No bill yet introduced. As soon as anything definite is known I will notify you. In the mean time there is nothing to do but work & wait.

Kind regards to Mrs S.

If you have Time & Skill, draw me out - and send me a plan of a Cheap Substantial Teachers' Residence & School house under one roof. Such as you would like the Government to build at Longg.

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

May 6th 6

Rev F. G. Arns

Wilmington Vt

Dear Brother.

Yours is received and I enclose you the only testimonial concerning yourself, which remains in this office. The others were returned to you as soon as received.

If you had stated as much concerning your qualifications and experience as a teacher in your first letters, as you did in your last, the judgement of this office might have been different.

Please bear in mind that this office was in search of efficient teachers, and would naturally magnify the teaching side of a man. Mrs Daggett was evidently looking for an efficient Missionary to naturally magnify the

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the Ministerial sides. Possibly therefore
she did not write you as strongly as she
should concerning the teaching part.

Your willingness to go to Alaska
will not be lost. The Lord knows what
was in your heart - that you were will-
ing to leave home & friends for him,
and he will reward you for it.

Trusting that you will be greatly
blessed in your work. I remain

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

May 6th 6

Messrs J.C. Derby & Son

New York

Dear Sir

I would like to procure a copy of Bancroft's Alaska (Vol 33) for review in the "Presbyterian Home Missionary" Room 78 Stewart Building, 280 Broadway New York. Or in the "New York Evangelist" New Potter Building, Park Row, New York which ever you prefer.

The Presbyterian Home Missionary is an illustrated Monthly (I mail you the Jan number) the official organ of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church with a circulation I understand of 43000. For 10 years I was its Editor & Proprietor. For the last nine years I have been connected with Mission work in Alaska and since April 1885

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the "United States General Agent of Education in Alaska".

As I have recently had some new Electrotpe plates made of scenes in Alaska for my Annual Report to Congress, I could perhaps publish one or two in Connection with the review, if you desire it - in the P. H. M.

If the arrangement is satisfactory to you, please mail the book to me, Care of Bureau of Education. Washington D. C.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

References. Dr Ward of Independent, Drs Prime & Stoddard of N. Y. Observer, Drs Field & Dey of N. Y. Evangelist, Dr Allen of the N. Y. School Journal and Maj Bright of "Christian at Work"

Education of Children in Alaska
Education

G. B. Johnston

Killisnoo, Alaska

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of U.S. Public School at
Killisnoo, Alaska at
\$120 per month.

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" April	120.00
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Three hundred and sixty

Washington D.C.

May 6th 6

Weekly Colonist

Victoria B.C.

Dear Sir

The time for which I have paid
for the "Colonist" will expire this month.

As I shall be travelling all summer
please discontinue sending it.

Perhaps next winter I may be able
to renew my subscription.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Sheldon Jackson

Commissioner

May 1st For Services as General Agent
of Education in Alaska
at a salary of \$12.00 per
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of Norris Peters

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Education of Children in Alaska Education

W. A. Kelly

Jm. B. Gardner Collector	Jan ⁶ 21	Map to School at Fort Mangel	0 49
	" "	Carving tools for U.S. School Sitka	1.85
	Feb 17	1 Cord of Wood for Sitka School No 2.	4.00
	" "	" " " " No 1.	4.00
	" 18	Sawing two Cords of wood	4.00
	" "	School Books to Killis No 1	4.75
	" "	1 Cord of wood for Agents Office	4.00
	April 15	1 ton of Coal for School No 1.	11.50
	" "	" " " " No 2	11.00
	" "	1 ton of Coal for Agents Office	11.00
	" "	Hauling Coal	3.00
			\$ 59.09

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Fifty nine ⁰⁹/₁₀₀

Washington D.C.
 May 7th 6

W. D. McLeod Esq
 Jackson Alaska

Dear Friend

There is no need of your
 going to Mangell on purpose to make out
 the affidavit, but keep it in mind and
 make it, whenever you have an opportunity
 and then mail it to me.

I am still waiting on Congress.
 Until they decide how much money can
 be used for the Alaska Schools next year
 we can not tell how many schools we
 can carry on.

Mrs J - has been with me this
 winter, but leaves for Illinois next week
 It is uncomfortably hot here

Hope you have received papers & books
 from time to time - Your Bro in Christ
 Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

May 7th 6

Dear Mr Gould

Yours of March 18th is before me. Skultka's work is very satisfactory to Mr Voorhes the Ambassador. My object in writing you was to show the trouble we were having with Mr Jeff's reports as P.M. at Ft Mangel and also his efforts to embarrass the route.

But as it soon passes into other hands, I presume there will be no more complaints from Mangel -

Wellesley College near Boston, is one of the foremost Colleges for women in the U.S. ranking with Smith & Vassar. They claim to give women as great advantages as men receive at Princeton, Yale & Harvard -

The only objection we have to the institution is that they tax many

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girls beyond their strength.

That was the case with our daughter
she was becoming so nervous under the
strain, that last fall we took her out
and placed her in the Junior Class, Classi-
cal Course of Knox College, Galesburg Ill.
where she is pursuing the same studies
in the same classes with the young men
that are fitting for professional life.

Some of the less pretentious institutions
are cheaper in their expenses & as thor-
ough in their instruction. How
would you like Mt. Holyoke of Mary
Lyne Jane?

What are your prospects for the
new building?

With kind regards to the family
I remain Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
May 7th 6

Miss Clara Gould

Jackson Alaska

Madam

Your reports came all right this month. In making them out please always confine yourself to calendar months. For instance if you are sick 10 days in month, do not run your report 10 days into the next month.

But report for that calendar month whatever days you teach say 10 days.

Following the calendar months, keep all the reports uniform so that they can be tabulated.

Very truly yours
 Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Your salary has been paid up to April 1st

Washington D.C.
May 7th 6

Wm A. Kelly

Supt of Training School

Dear Sir

I have just seen the Commissioner of Indian Affairs concerning the placing of the older boys of the School in the Mines for the summer and it meets with his approval.

If they are bound to go anyway, it is much better that they should go with your permission rather than run away.

You can make the arrangements for them by which they are to receive Board & wages and thus keep them under your general supervision and control. You can also thus carry them on your roll - and report them each quarter as belonging to the School. It will also be proper for you to keep them in coarse clothing -

Directly find out the qualifications of the Judge's Son & friend as teachers. I do not know that I have any place for them at present, but I may have some time, & I would like to have your judgment on their qualifications.

Does the Judge & his family attend the White Service?

Of lawyer Belark, ever finds fault with the printed Contract, remember that he drew it up, & I paid him \$25 for it.

I think I wrote you before, that if the Judge decided that the Natives were not Indians, that the Contracts would be binding; that if the Court decided they were Indians, then send them to the Indian Commissioner at Washington & have him approve them & they will still be binding.

Keep writing the Board for Uniform Suits for the boys. & team for the Mission until you get it. And also for such other things as you need.

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I mistake not, there ought to be
some painting done on the outside of
the buildings & roofs -

Do you intend accepting of my offer
on boat house & Carpenter Shop?
I think the Board will also help you on
such a building, if you press the necessity
of it, strongly upon their attention.

I still hope that Congress will give
a sufficient appropriation to enable
Mr Heaton to erect some school buildings
in the fall. It will probably be two
months yet before we know.

Kind regards to all

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
 May 8th 6

J. C. Derby Esq

149 Church St New York

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 7th received.
 As my library is boxed up, I was thinking
 I had six vols of Native Races - but as
 there are only five, it was a slip of
 memory. I have all there are -

I do not know that the present
 Editors of the Presbyterian Home Missionary
 would care to take the time to review the
 whole 39 vols -

I would like to have the Alaska
 volume, but can not afford to purchase
 39 vols for the sake of the one.

As to the present condition of
 Alaska, I have a more intimate know-
 ledge than the book. It would be val-
 uable to me for the translations of 1857

Russian documents. However two of my personal friends have copies & I can borrow when I find time to rewrite my own history. Which has passed through three editions.

It is true the Government should deal liberally with such a work, but our Government is differently constituted from that of Mexico.

Next time I am in San Francisco I hope to see Mr Bancroft. I have sent him at different times much material free of charge, and I will probably get a copy of Vol 33.

Of course he has looked at the matter from all sides, but from my stand point it would be for his interest to publish special school editions.

For instance I could place the Alaska volume in every school library in Alaska.

An Arizona & New Mexico volume (vol 17) could & with proper effort would be placed in all the libraries of that region -

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Ditto Vols 18-24. do vols 29-30 ^{re. re.}

The Bureau of Education ought to have a Complete Set, but with the restriction thrown
 around my getting special numbers ^{for myself}, there
 is no encouragement to interest myself
 in promoting its sale -

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent of
 Education in Alaska

Phillipsville, Cal, 4-28-'86

W. H. Gardiner,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your telegrams of April 7th and 16th were delayed. They lay in the Upper Marshal's office for a long time. One of them 16 days, the other 7 days. Terms satisfactory. Will start East of June as directed. Write me when the steamer sails, etc. Can a government pass be secured?

Address, above.

Truly Yours,
(Signed) W. E. Roscoe.

Letter
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Washington D.C.

May 10th 6

W. E. Roscoe Esq

Phillipsville Humboldt Co. Cal

Dear Sir

Your letter of April 28th is received this morning. You must have a stupid telegraph operator, not to have looked you up. I mailed you at Upper Mattole, a copy of Petropoff's Census Report on Alaska. Also maps & several pamphlets on that Country. Have you received them? Is there a telegraph office at Phillipsville? If not where shall I telegraph in case I need to reach you in a hurry?

There is no Government pass to Alaska. The Baptist Board of Missions will appropriate something towards your travelling expenses.

At various times I have written you two or three letters to Upper Mattole, have you received them?

The bill that carries with it the appropriation for Education in Alaska has not yet been reported to Congress by the Committee and it may be five or six weeks ~~yet~~ before we will know whether we can charter a vessel for Alaska or not.

As soon as anything definite is known I will communicate with you.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

May 10th 6

Rev A.G. Haygood Esq

Richmond Va

Dear Brother

I notice by the papers that both you and Bishop McTear are in attendance at the General Conference.

I will try and come down on the 15th and spend Sabbath, Monday & Tuesday.

Perhaps I could have a hearing Monday or Tuesday before Conference, and arouse an interest in behalf of the Education & Christianization of

Alaska -

If you think best please confer with Bishop McTear about it.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
 May 10th 6

J. George Hodgins L.L.D.
 Toronto, Canada

Dear Sir

Your kind note of the 7th and
 the volume on School Architecture re-
 ceived this A.M.

I hope to secure many valuable
 hints from it.

In the School System of Alaska
 it is the purpose of the Government to
 erect the School house and Teacher's
 residence under the same roof. And
 I am now wrestling with the sub-
 ject of plans

I see the American Institute of In-
 struction has offered a prize for the
 best plan of a School building.

Very Truly Yours
 Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

May 11th

Photo Gravure Co

484-486 3rd ave

Brooklyn. N.Y.

Sir

When I was in New York some weeks ago your Secretary or Treasurer at 853 Broadway assured me that the Eskimo Illustrations (3 plates) that you are preparing for the Government Printer should be in Washington not later than April 22nd

I have your letter of April 27th before me in which you promise to deliver them that week. And they are not here yet. What kind of business despatch is this? If this is your habit, I shall hereafter protest against the Gov Printer placing any more of my illustrations in your hands.

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important interests are being jeopard-
ized by the delay -

Truly Yours
Sheridan Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C..
 May 11th 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett:

287 Bunker Hill St Boston

Dear Sister

The only approximate I can give you of the sum necessary to send Mr Mrs Miller to Alaska and settle them is \$500. It will not be less than that. And if the Ladies raise that they will do a good thing.

There are no new developments

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C.

May 12th 1866

Mrs Andrew Pollard

Cor Secy, 14 Tremont Temple
Boston Mass.

Madam

Your note brings good news
from the Baptist Woman's H. M. Soc.
that you have commissioned Mrs Roscoe
as your Missionary at Kodiak Alaska
Her address is Mrs M. E. Roscoe
Phillipville. Humboldt Co. California

Very truly yours

Melden Jackson
General Agent.

If your Society has a Monthly Mission
Magazine, I wish you would ft send it
regularly to the Care of Bureau of Education
in the city of Washington, D.C.

Washington D.C.

May 12th 6

Prof W. E. Roscoe

Phillipsville. Humboldt Co. Cal

Dear Sir

I enclose you copy of letter just received from Baptist. Woman's Home Mission Soc of Boston Mass. I have sent her your address.

It has occurred to me, that if you have the time, it will pay you to take some lessons in photography. Then procure and take with you a good Amateur outfit. From cheap tintypes taken for the Citizens at Kadiak, you can pay for the outfit. Then the negatives taken of scenery &c sent to the Ladies' Missionary Society will greatly assist in drawing sympathy & assistance to your work -

Truly Yours
 Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
May 12th 6

Mr Chal H. Mills
 10 California St. S. F.

Dear Sir

How we turn up! I thought
 your name was wonderfully familiar
 but somehow I did not place with you
 with the friend whose Arizona Country
 I once enjoyed. I have often thought
 of you & wondered where you were.
 I am very glad to renew the ac-
 quaintance

Much obliged for the satisfactory
 information in your letters of the 14th
 & 15th. The great advantage of
 Auxiliary steam power, is the getting
 in & out of the harbors. It is very
 tantalizing. I have known sailing
 vessels to lie two or three weeks in
 sight of a harbor & could not get in.

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However we will have plenty of time to consider the matter, while waiting the slow passage of the Appropriation bill.

When we find out how much money we will have, you will hear from us again.

In the mean time I mail you a New Map of Alaska - a Copy of Petroff's Census Report of Alaska & some smaller documents.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

May 12 6

John M. Vanderbilt Esq.

Sitka Alaska

Dear Friend

It gives me pleasure
to comply with your request, and
furnish you through the Bureau
of Education a copy of Seal Islands
for yourself & a Census Report for
Mr De Groff.

I am still detained here by the
Commissioner waiting on the passage
of the Appropriation bills.

Kind regards to Mrs Vanderbilt
and the Children

Very truly yours.

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.

May 12 6

Mr Cudde Taylor

Chief Clerk Govt Printing Office

Dear Sir

Please have electrotypes Copies
Made of the following cuts, and delivered
to me at the Bureau of Education
with bill for the same.

Senate Ex Doc No 2. 48th Congress
2nd Session Report of Military Reconnoi-
sance in Alaska by Lieut Schwatka

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Very Truly Yours.

Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agent.

Washington D.C.
 May 13th 6

Mr Charles W. Miller

Athens, Ga

Dear Sir

Yours of the 11th is just received.
 In reply to your questions

1st I can not say definitely
 when the vessel will sail. It depends
 upon an appropriation bill in Congress
 We hope it may pass in time for us
 to charter a vessel & get off about July
 1st. but we do not know. It may
 not pass at all, then we will send
 you up on the Alaska Commercial
 Steamer early in Sept

2nd The Gentlemen from Georgia
 have concluded not to go, and we are
 in search of others to take their place

Prof W. E. Roscoe, wife & Child of Cal-
 ifornia have definitely concluded to

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go to Kodiak. Without doubt there
will be 4 or perhaps 5 teachers & their
wives on the vessel.

3. Salary will commence
when school commences. It will be so
adjusted however, that you will receive
your \$1500 within the school year, which
will amount to the same thing as if
it commenced when you left home.

It is paid quarterly, but as you
will receive no mail from September
to March, your first payments will
reach you in March 1887.

To remedy this I have arranged
with the Alaska Commercial Co. so
that you can secure groceries, supplies
&c. from their store at Unalakleet
and then next March when the bill is
made out, give the trader at Unalakleet
an order for the amount of your bill
on your salary, to be paid by the
Disbursing Clerk of the Department
of the Interior to the Alaska Com^l Co

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at San Francisco. This will be the same as if you received your pay month and paid cash for everything that you purchase at the store.

I trust you will find this arrangement satisfactory.

We will do everything we can to make you comfortable, and increase your efficiency in the work.

A thought has occurred to me. What would you think of the expediency of taking some lessons & securing some practice in photography?

Then take an Amateur outfit with you. You could easily take a sufficient number of cheap tin types of the Citizens at Unalakhta to pay for the outfit. Then you could take negatives of scenery, people &c to send to your friends & the Mission Societies, which would greatly assist in creating sympathy & interest in

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your work. It seems to me, that
it would be a good thing.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.
 May 13th 6

A. S. Whitford Esq
 Care of Messrs Toklas & Singerman
 Seattle, Wash Terr.

Dear Sir

Your telegram received this morning
 in reply would ask. What will you
 charter the Leo for to take a load from
 Puget Sound to Unalakleet, calling
 at Sitka. Kodiak. Unga & Belkoffsky
 and leaving freight & passengers at
 each place. How much by the
 month, with each fractional portion
 of the month pro rata?

The strong probabilities are that
 the vessel will be wanted for July and
 August. But whether it is wanted
 at all or not, will depend upon the
 amount of appropriation that Congress
 gives us. This will not be known

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Until some time in June. But I
want to get approximate figures, and
then when the time comes to act, I
can telegraph you. or your Seattle agent
Mr. Mc Dougall. You had better talk
the matter over very fully with him
and determine what you will do &
what you will not do, and then leave
some discretion with him to act for
you & Mr Brady. as Seattle can be
reached by telegraph & Sitka can not.

There will probably be 12 passengers
going out and two returning
I wrote Mr Mc Dougall very fully
on the subject April 26th.

The whole thing is as follows - if
Congress gives us a fair appropriation
for Schools in Alaska we will charter
a sailing vessel, or one with auxiliary
steam power, to take some teachers &
their household furniture & supplies
together with school supplies & lumber
to Kadiak, Unalaska, Belkoffski, Unalaska.

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Lushika & perhaps Atka

2nd As the time is short, we write in advance for terms, so that when the time comes we can close the Contract by telegraph.

3 We want terms by the month with pro rata rate for fractional parts of a month, also terms for board for the passengers by the day or week -

I have also written to San Francisco for rates.

I mail you a new map of Alaska - Please let me hear from you at an early day. Who is Captain of the Leo?

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

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A. F. Whitford
Care of Toklas & Singerman
Seattle Washington Terr

See letter to Mc Dougall April
twenty sixth. ^{Jackson} Will write to-day

Wm. H. Gardiner
Acting Commissioner
Bureau of Education

Official Business }
Charge to Bureau }

Washington, D.C.
May 14th 6

A.S. Clark

34 Park Row New York

Dear Sir

Harpers of Nov 77 is rec^d &

Enclosed find payment (17c)

Please add to my list. "Bancroft's
Alaska" (vol 33 of Bancroft's Pacific States)
I only want the one volume of the
series

Very Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
May 14th 6

J. B. Mc Dougall Esq
Care Lokken & Singerman
P.O. Box 12. Seattle W. T.

Dear Sir

Yours of May 6th Arrived
this A. M. I am glad to hear that
you have full power to negotiate for
the Chartering of the Lco. as it takes so
much time to reach Sitka.

I wrote Mr Whitford yesterday
on the subject.

We can make no contract until
the Legislative Appropriation bill passes
Congress, as until that time we can
not know definitely whether we will
need any vessel.

When the Bill will get through Con-
gress is uncertain, probably about the
middle of June.

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Consequently the Leo can make another trip to Alaska.

In case we charter her, if she gets back from Alaska so as to sail from Seattle from the 10th to the 15th of July she will probably be in time.

The object in writing this early is to come to an understanding and arrange the preliminaries, so that when the time comes to act, we can do it by telegraph.

As said in my letter of April 26th there will be no objection to the Sitka Trading Co utilizing the trip for trade if that will cheapen the charter.

Also it is not necessary that the vessel be continuously under steam.

When there is a favorable wind she can depend on her sails. But in a calm, or going in & out of harbor she will need steam.

I mention these things as they

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May make a difference in your Charter price. You will need to figure close as you are competing with San Francisco Firms

How much for ship per month?
(including all expenses but board for passengers)

How much per week for Board?
I mail you a new map of Alaska

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
 May 14th 6

Miss Kate A. Rankin

Yours of the 7th is received. You mention that your Check was received, that you signed it and returned it to Sitka.

Do you mean that you sent the Money back to Sitka, or only the Acknowledgement of the receipt of the Money. If the latter it should have been forwarded to Mr Geo W. Evans Disbursing Clerk of the Department of the Interior. Washington D.C.

It will probably be returned to him. If it is returned to you, you can forward it to him.

I Am glad you are improving in health I hope you will take time to completely regain your health before.

Engaging in work again.

Please remember me very kindly
to your father and friends.

Mrs Jackson left on Tuesday for 348
St. Kellogg St. Galesburg. Illinois.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson.

General Agent.

Washington D.C.
 May 21st 18

Rev Mr S. Langford D.D.
 Gen Secretary ?

Dear Brother

Yours received. Much
 obliged for a sight of the Photos.

I wrote him to send me a set, as
 we wish a collection of the Photos of the
 Alaska Teachers. I do not know why
 he did not.

I return you your set with
 thanks.

If I hear of any vessel going to
 Bering Sea I will advise you
 Your Brother in Christ

Sheldon Jackson.
 General Agent.

Washington D.C.

May 21st 6

Rev Henry L. Morhouse D.D.

Temple Court. Berkman St. N.Y.

Dear Mother

Yours is received - I will do everything I can to secure low rates of transportation for Mr Roscoe & family.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.

May 20th 06

Mr Morse

Photographer, 826. Market St. S.F.

Dear Sir

Please mail me with bill,
 Photographs Nos 32677. 32678. 32679
 32680. & 32681 (This latter a half nude
 baby is marked indistinctly) It is the
 family of Rev C. Parker that sailed
 May 11th as our teacher to St. Michael
 Alaska

Very Truly Yours
 Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C.

May 21st 6

Messrs Goodall, Perkins & Co

San Francisco Cal

Dear Sir

The folders you so kindly sent
have been received by this office
Much obliged

Yours Truly
Shepard Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

May 21st 6

Hon J. W. Powell

Sup^t of Indian Affairs B.C.

My Dear Sir

The Annual Report of Indian Affairs (2 copies) And report of Commissioner Metlakatlah. Inquary 1884 are received with many thanks.

Any time you have in print any Special Reports or other publications on the Native Tribes of British Columbia please mail me a copy.

My permanent address will be Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.

With great respect I remain

Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Washington D.C.

May 21st 6

Messrs Samuel Carson & Co

San Francisco

California

Dear Sir

I regret to be Compelled to return
you, your voucher and ask you to re-
write it in triplicate, leaving blank
the places crossed out with red ink.

In its present form it would not
be paid by the Treasury department

I would also suggest that you fasten
two sheets together (like the enclosed) that
you may have more room for the bill.

For the portion enclosed in red bracket
it will be necessary for you to send the
original ~~vouchers~~ receipts with the items
or else add your 5th Cms to each item
& enter them upon the bill as you have
done the school books. as if they had

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been furnished by your firm

The rule of the U.S. Treasury in auditing such accounts is to require with the voucher of the party dealing with the Government, receipts from the original parties to whom the vouchers says money has been paid.

For instance

"4 doz Slates 1.50 \$6.00" is all right

But if you say

~~Paid to~~ "To John Jones for 4 doz Slates 1.50. \$6.00"
Then together with your voucher to the Government, you must send John Jones receipt to yourselves.

Attention to this in future will save delays in settling accounts.

Very Truly Yours.

Washington D.C.

May 24th 6

Edwin G. Klose Esq

Bethlehem Pa

Dear Sir

I Am sorry to say that my report is not for sale. It was printed by the U.S. Senate. You can announce through the Moravian that they are given away by Congressmen. Anyone wishing a copy should write their Congressman to mail them a copy of "Senate Executive Document No 88. 49th Congress. 1st Session. Report on Education in Alaska"

It will be sent free as long as the Edition holds out. I will send you three of my private copies. Will write the

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Photo-Gravure Co. to return the
negatives. Very much obliged
for the use of them. Hope they
may reach you safely.

Please send me Mr Hartman's
address, also that of Mrs Wolff, also
Mrs Minland's parents & I will send
them copies.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

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Photo Gravure Co

484-486 - 3rd Ave Brooklyn

Dear Sir

If you have not already done so
Please pack securely the five negatives
of the Eskimos, which I borrowed for your
use, and express them to "Mr Edwin
G. Klose. 146 South Main St. Bethlehem
Penn."

The prints look very well.

Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
May 24th 6

Mr L. H. Cramer

Business Manager of Frank
 Leslie's Publishing House
 53-57 Park Place N.Y.

Dear Sir

It gives me pleasure to forward
 Copies of my report by this mail to Mrs
 Leslie and yourself.

Please call her attention to the
 Acknowledgement of her Courtesy on
 the title of illustrations opposite pages
 13. 15. 29. & 28.

I hope it will prove satisfactory
 to her.

I learn that you have an ex-
 cellent Cut of Rev J. A. Hartmann
 I wish I had had it in connection
 with his report on page 55.

Again returning thanks to Mrs
Leslie and yourself I remain
Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

To the Presbyterian Newspaper

Washington D.C.
May 24th 6

Dear Sir

I have mailed you a copy
 of my report on Education in Alaska

As many of your readers are in-
 terested in that Country, I have no
 doubt you will confer a favor upon
 them by publishing the enclosed
 or giving them notice that they can
 secure a copy without cost by writing
 their Congressman for it.

Truly Yours

Seldon Jackson
 General Agent.

An Illustrated Report on Alaska

The U.S. Senate have recently printed the report of Dr Sheldon Jackson on Education in Alaska as "Senate Executive Document No 85"

The report can be had free upon application to Congressmen.

2nd Assistant Post Master General
Washington D.C.

Washington D.C.

May 25th 6

Dear Sir

1st As it will take three months,
And perhaps four, to secure returns
from the Post Master at Jackson Alaska
2nd And as the post master at Fort Wanzell
has left the service ~~and~~ is under a cloud
with reference to the disappearance of
a registered money package (\$70 of coin)
in his office he will probably not be
willing to make any statement with
reference to the past and the new post
mistress will have no knowledge of
what occurred before she took the office
3rd And as the purpose of the P.O. Depart-
ment only desires to be sure that the
mail was actually carried according
to contract, I beg leave to submit
to you the following letters.

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Letter 1 of Miss Clara Gould, U.S. Government teacher at Jackson and Sister of the Post Master, and letter no 2 of the Post Master express their anxiety on account of the delay due to unusual storms.

Letter no 3. of Miss Clara Gould shows that Skultka, the mail carrier due the last of January arrived on the 7th of Feb, 10 days late; it also shows that he started on his Feb trip to Wrangele, on Feb 8th.

Letter no 4. shows that the return trip from Wrangele to Jackson reached the latter place Feb 27th.

Letter no 4 on page two shows that no trip has been missed since the route was established.

Does the Monthly report from the Klawack office give any clue to the January trip?

I hope these letters may prove

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Convincing that the trip was made
and that under the very difficult-
circumstances under which the
route is run, Mr Voorhes the Con-
tractor may not be kept out of
his pay for three to 4 months longer.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

May 26th 6

Mrs M. H. Hunt

Hyde Park. Boston Mass

Madame

Enclosed please find a list of Territorial Superintendents.

I also mail you a copy of my report. On page 42 you will find the text of the liquor law of Alaska.

You will notice that it is "prohibited" and that the President is directed to see that it is enforced.

With great respect, I remain

Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Since writing the above I find that the P.O. Guide says "Hyde Park Norfolk Co Mass" As my report has but a small edition, I will not send it until I hear from you as to direction.

Washington D.C.
 May 26th 6

Rev John Reid Jr
 Dear Brother

Last year an attempt was made at the General Assembly to disband the Presbytery of Alaska & ~~make~~ place the Ministers & Churches in the Presbytery of Oregon -

In behalf of the brethren in Alaska I would ask you to look out for any similar move this year & do what you can to defeat it if made -

It might be well to inquire of some members of the Committee on Bills & Overtures, & also the Committee on Church Polity, if there is anything before them looking in that direction

We have now seven resident Ministers & will soon have eight -

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I Mail you a copy of my report, by
which you will see we are getting
Established in that Country and
Should not be interfered with.

The attempt last year was made through
the Committee on Mileage.

The interests of Christ's Kingdom in
that far off region depends upon the
continuance of that Presbytery.

Please be on the watch -

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson.

Rev Elliott E. Swift D.D. Com^{tee} Polity

Rev Jno D. Hewitt D.D. " "

Rev Geo S. Chambers D.D. " Bills & Over

Rev John L. Gage

Rev John Reid Jr.

Washington D.C.

May 26th 6

Hon John Eaton L. L. D.

U. S. Commr of Education

Dear Sir

I have learned through a Member of the House Com^{tee} on Appropriations that the Appropriation for Schools in Alaska was intentionally left out of the Legislative Appropriation Bill and that there is no purpose on the part of Messrs Randall & Holman to do anything for Education in Alaska.

I have the utmost Confidence however, that through the Senate and the Conference Committee of the House that we will secure at least \$25,000.

We are doing everything we can in the matter.

Gov Swineford has written you that he will call to-morrow.

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I had a pleasant, and, upon the whole, favorable interview with Mr Muldrow on Monday. Dr Pitzer went in with me.

At Richmond I had a hearing before the Com^{tee} on Education (Composed largely of College Presidents & Professors) of the Southern Methodist's General Conference.

They seemed interested & I hope it may bear some fruit. Two or three of their leading men promised to write Mr Lamar.

Senator Colquitt has gone home to attend the Marriage of his daughter & will be absent two weeks.

Kind regards to your household
Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Title to missionary stations, Oregon.

Provided also: "That the title to the land, not exceeding six hundred and forty acres, now occupied as missionary stations among the Indian tribes in said Territory, together with the improvements thereon, be confirmed and established in the several religious societies to which said missionary stations respectively belong." U.S. Stat. at Large, Vol 9. Page 323.

Wash. Territory.

Provided further: "That the title to the land, not exceeding six hundred and forty acres, now occupied as missionary stations among the Indian tribes in said Territory, or that may have been so occupied as missionary stations prior to the passage of the act establishing the Territorial government of Oregon, together with the improvements thereon, is, and is hereby, confirmed and established to the several religious societies to which said missionary stations respectively belong." U.S. Stat. at Large, Vol 10, Page 173.

An Act providing a civil government for
Alaska.

Provided also: "That the land not exceeding six hundred and forty acres at any station now occupied as missionary stations among the Indian tribes in said section, with the improvements thereon erected by or for such societies, shall be continued in the occupancy of the several religious societies to which said missionary stations respectively belong until action by Congress. But nothing contained in this act shall be construed to put in force in said district the general land laws of the United States.

Approved, May 17, 1884.

Washington D.C.
May 27th 6

Hon John Eaton L.L.D
 Comm^r of Education

Dear Sir

Mr Keill in the House of Rep
 And Mr Butler in the Senate have
 introduced bills for the organization
 of a Territorial Government for Alaska.
 It is understood that they were pre-
 pared by Gov Swineford who is still here

They have made no provision for Ed-
 ucation and no provision for confirm-
 ing the grant of land to the Mission
 Stations, as specified in the Organic
 Act. Gov Swineford was in to-day

& we called his attention to the Omiss-
 ions. He said that Mr Springer

of the House was reconstructing the
 Bill & that he would have provision
 made for Education.

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I will watch the movement Carefully.

Gov Swineford seemed very much Astonished when told that the House Committee had left out the Educational Appropriation. He promised to see Mr Holman this afternoon, and if he would do nothing, then the Gov would find some one who would Amend the bill when it was before the House.

Your letter Concerning binding is received & will be attended to.

Have just received a proposal or estimate on Brady's Steam Schooner.

The propositions are as follows.
A New Sailing vessel at San Francisco \$950 per month.

A Schooner at S. Francisco with Auxiliary Steam power \$2150 per month
Brady's Schooner with Auxiliary Steam power at Seattle \$1200 per month.

I am writing a Circular letter
to the leading Educational Journals
concerning the Alaska Commission
I hope to send you a copy to-morrow
Will submit it to the Committee.
Very truly yours
Alfred Jackson
Director Agent

See Letter on Page 361

Sent to Miss M. Porvle Sitka
" Miss E. Patton "
" Miss M. Murphy Juneau
" Miss Lydia McAbou. Wrangell
" Miss Clara Gould. Jackson
Misses Porvle & Murphy were Changed
to 250 days from June 1885
Miss Patton 75 days from March 1886
Mr Johnson 100 " " Jan 1886

Washington D.C. May 27th 86.
 Miss Clara A. Gould Jackson Alaska
 Madam

When 200 full days of School have been kept from last Sept, when you commenced (This is actual School days not counting Saturdays Sabbaths or holidays in which there was no School.) You will Close the School for the Summer Vacation

Arrangements for next year are awaiting the action of Congress.

If the appropriation bill passes through Congress, as we hope, then the School will be reopened about the first of September.

You will at the Close of School pack away in boxes or Closet under lock & key, the Slates, Books, Charts And all Movable School property so that they will not be lost during vacation. As the Government will hold you responsible for the safe care of the School property, until it is

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turned over to your successor & receipted
for. You will also look up the
School room, so that desks, stove &c
shall not be injured.

At the close of school you will
please make out a full inventory of
all school property, desks, stove,
books, slates (how many broken & how
many in good order) pencils, &c. &c. &c.
And forward to me at Washington.

You will also please make out
on a separate paper a full list of all
books, papers, crayons, pens &c. &c.
that you will need for reopening school
in September and also mail to me.

You will also please mail me
any suggestions or plans that you
think will add to your comfort &
the efficiency of the school, and
while I may not be able to furnish
them all, I can probably furnish
some - at least I will do everything

in my power to help you. This
has reference to the school near Cu-
mencing next September.

Wishing you every success in
your work, I remain with much
respect

Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

You can address your communica-
tions to me as usual, then enclose
them in the return postal enve-
lopes, which I mail to you -

Jackson, Alaska

Miss Lyda McCoy

Fort Wangel Alaska

Miss Margaret Powell

Sitka Alaska

Miss Elizabeth Patton

Sitka Alaska

George B. Johnston

Killisnoo, Alaska

Miss Marion Murphy

Barrow
Alaska

Miss Sarah M. Dickinson

Chilcat School, Alaska

Washington D. C.
May 25th 6

Hon. Jos. R. Hawley
U. S. Senate.

Dear Friend.

Last evening I saw Senator Manderson Chairman of Senate Committee on Printing and he kindly consented to offer a resolution in the Senate for the printing of an additional number of copies of Sen. Ex. Doc. 85 and have it referred to the Committee on Printing.

I presume the resolution will be in the usual form - viz: 1,000 copies for the Senate, 2,000 copies for the House and 1,000 copies for Commissioner of Education.

Please allow me through you to present some considerations to the Senate Committee on Printing.

1st - It is important that the Bureau of Education should have some copies for distribution. Public attention is awakening to the peculiar conditions of that country and every day since the report has been out, has brought a batch of applications to this office for the report, from men and Institutions of influence throughout the

country. These are declined as the Bureau has none to send.

2nd. Senator Manderson inquired about the expense.

It will be as follows - per 1,000 copies.
(Figures given by the Govt. Printing Office.)

Lithographing 2 maps and 3 Photo Prints	\$193, 40
Paper for Lithographing	34, 53
Paper for text	19, 27
Presswork	12, 00
Folding, gathering &c	31, 94
	\$291, 44

You will notice the large expense is in Lithographing.

In the new edition you might omit the following three illustrations. The frontispiece, the photo print opposite page 11, photo print opposite page 62, and the map of S. E. Alaska.

The estimate would then stand as follows per 1,000 copies.

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Lithograph copies of Map of Alaska & paper	\$40.00
Paper for text	19.27
Presswork	12.00
Folding, gathering &c.,	31.24
	<u>\$102.51</u>

Or \$412.84 for 4,000 copies.

3rd. Nearly all the wood cut illustrations in the Report have been borrowed and have not cost the Government much besides presswork and paper.

I can borrow other wood cut illustrations in place of the three expensive photo prints removed, if it be considered best to remove them.

Dear General, knowing the interest you have always taken in our Alaska Schools, please help us what you can to get the report more fully before the public.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson
(General Agent.)

Washington D.C.

May 29th 6

Mr Edwin G. Klose

Bethlehem Pa

Dear Sir

A bill has been introduced into Congress to publish another edition of my report.

You will notice by the above that when Congress is about to print, that any one can order extra copies.

Perhaps you had better consult with some of your leading men & let me know about how many copies you would like to order, & I will order them for you. You need not pay until they are delivered.

A Copy such as you have had

Cost 33 Cents each.

In the next edition, it is proposed to leave out the three photo-print illustrations (Eskimo Children. Typical Eskimo Man & Eskimo family Civilized and Uncivilized) and also the illustration of the two men (that of South East Alaska). This being done the new edition will cost about 12 to 15 Cents each. I have written Mrs Frank

Seslie for a plate of the portrait of Rev Mr Hartmann for the new edition.

Have you a good electrotpe plate of Mr Trinland that you could let us have for the same use?

Some photographs were received to-day. Much obliged.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
May 29th 6

Mr L. H. Cramer
 Business Manager of
 Frank Leslie Publishing House
 53-57 Park Place, New York

Dear Sir

You will notice by the enclosed
 that a bill is before Congress for another
 Edition of my report.

For this edition please Express to
 U.S. Commissioner of Education
 (Expressage to be paid here) Care of
 Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.
 an electotype plate of the portrait of
 Rev L. A. H. Hartmann, the Moravian
 Explorer in Alaska, also if you have
 it, his companion Wm H. Weintand.

We will give Mrs Leslie due Credit for
 the same.

Yrly Yours
 Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C. ^{on}
May 29 6

Rev H. E. Davis

Petoskey Mich

My Dear Brother

I am thinking of
 leaving my wife & two grown daughters
 in Northwick Michigan this summer
 while I go to Alaska -

My wife feels the heat of Illinois
 very much & the Dr has recommended
 a colder climate for her.

Like most Ministerial families
 we are compelled to consider the
 question of expense -

If it is not troubling you too much
 please ascertain what good board
 can be had at for the three ladies
 in a private family. My wife would
 not be willing to go above the second
 story for a sleeping room.

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Also if you know anything of the
rates at Charlevoix or Mackinack
or any other suitable place -

Please write me at 345 North
Kellogg St. Galesburg, Illinois

I send you by this mail a
copy of my report.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

May 31st 6

Miss L. M^{rs} Urey.

I wrote you on Saturday
Concerning Closing School.

If in the mean time you receive no
directions to the contrary you will open
the full term of School on Monday Sept^r
Sixth.

If you can find a suitable school
room that you can hire for not exceeding
\$10 to \$12 per month, you can rent it at
Government expense.

The bill for fuel will be paid with
your next quarterly salary.

Much obliged for the programme
of daily exercises.

Congress has recently passed a
bill requiring temperance instruction
in all the Government Schools.

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You will be furnished with suitable note books in due time.

Mr Laff, the Ex P.M. in his report to the Post Office Department failed to report the departure of the mail for Jan 1886 on route No. 47102. and consequently the P.O. Dept. has deducted the pay of one trip.

After Laff reports the arrival of Skulka with the mail on Jan 15th 1886 but makes no mention of his departure on the return trip to Jackson.

If there is any data in the office by which you can ascertain when he departed please certify the same to the P.O. Department and send a duplicate copy to the Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.

If you can not fix on any date when, as you know on general principles that Skulka did start back with the January mail, please send an

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Special Statement to the Department
 "that to the best of your knowledge, in-
 formation and belief the Mail left
 on Route 47102 left Ft Mangell for
 Jackson in January 1886" and
 Mail Duplicate Copy of the same to
 me. Please attach to this by
 return mail as it is very important

I had hoped to have been in Alaska
 long before this, but the Commission-
 of Education, will not allow me to leave
 until the Appropriation for Education
 in Alaska has passed Congress

This may detain here until July.
 The disposition of the Appropriation Com-
 of the House of Representatives seems to be
 to give but a small appropriation.

The effect of which, will be to prevent
 the erection of school houses, so greatly
 needed. I hope you will be
 pleased with my report, a copy of
 which is mailed you.

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Therefore Make Known all your
wants, & whatever it is possible for me to
do to make you more comfortable, or increase
the efficiency, shall be done

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
May 23rd 1886

Rev J. L. Gould

P.M. at Jackson Station

Dear Brother

The P.M. Dept has paid
 Mr Voorhes Contractor on route 47102
 \$41.⁶⁷ for the quarter ending March 31st
 1886. because in your report of Jan 1886
 you have recorded no arrival.

And Mr Geffe at Fort Mangell has
 reported no departure for Jan 1886.

If the mail did not depart from
 Ft Mangell & did not arrive at Jackson
 during January, of course the P.M.
 Department could come to no other
 conclusion from the official reports
 than that ^{that} trip was not made.

I know however by your letters to
 me that the trip was made, and I

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took the letters over to Gen^l P. L. Office
and showed them that the trip had been
made. Their answer was that while
they had no doubt the trip was made
yet they had no official information
to that effect. And that before the
Claim could be allowed, ^{they} must re-
ceive an official statement from the
Post Office both at Jackson & Mangrove
(consequently I write Miss McAvoy by
this mail for a statement from Mangrove
and to you for a statement from Jackson)

In your official report you state that
the mail ~~left~~ departed Monday Jan 4
1886 at 10 am. but record no arrival.
On the back you endorse "Mail not yet
arrived & that you are about sending out
a search party."

In your official report for Feb
you say Mail "Departed Feb 5th
& arrived Feb 27th"

~~By~~ you thus no official mention

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Whatever is made of the arrival of the
Hannan Mail on Feb 7th

The fact of such an arrival I learn
by your sister's letter. but there is no
official record of it.

Please send therefore to the Post-
Office Department (and mail a dupli-
cate copy of same to the Bureau of
Education Washington D.C.) an
official statement that the "Hannan"
Mail departed Jan 4th & returned
Feb 7th being detained by a severe
storm. That the Feb Mail
departed Feb 8th & arrived Feb 27th

This will furnish official informa-
tion that the trip was made -

I have written the above not in the
way of Complaint, but only to set it
straightened out & Mr Posters get
his pay which is now withheld.

I have greatly admired your success
in keeping things moving & I shall

Energy & fidelity in the work. What do you think Skulka would appreciate in the way of a present from me?

I had hoped to have been in Alaska early in the Spring, but the Commission will not allow me to leave until the Alaska Appropriation is safely through Congress.

If Bro Millard's Steam Launch proves a success, I will propose to him to bring all the Ministers to Jackson for a meeting of Presbytery this fall.

Rev Joseph White has been commissioned by the Board to preach to the Whites at Juneau. Bro Millard will give his time to the Natives.

The Govt School for the Tongass region will be located at Loring. A Christian teacher & his wife from Western Pa will be sent there if the appropriation will allow of it.

Much love to your household

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

The P. O. Dept has sent an Inspector to investigate the loss of that Registered Coin factory at Wrangell.

Washington D.C.
 May 31st 6

Miss E. Patten

Sitka Alaska

Madame.

Your welcome letter of May 5th is received. I am glad you like your School. I wrote you on Saturday

Concerning the Closing of the School.

You & Miss Powell will reopen your Schools on Monday September 6th. for the fall term.

You write you greatly need my advice in some things. Please go to Mr Kelly. If I have not already written you, I should have done so, that Mr Kelly is my Deputy Agent and takes my place during my absence. You are to go to him for fuel, lights & such supplies, as you can not wait to write

me about. Also for advice in all School matters. He has been a successful teacher & County Superintendent and is an expert in all School matters. And I have requested him to take the general oversight of both the day Schools. I sometimes half suspect, from expressions dropped in your letters, that for some cause or other, you & Miss Powell are not availing yourselves of his help as much as you should.

If this is the case, you are standing in your own light. I had hoped to have reached Alaska a long while ago. But the Commissioner of Education has refused to allow me to leave Washington until the Educational Appropriation for Alaska has safely passed Congress.

This will detain me here until July.

If the Appropriation had failed as there is some danger, nearly all the Schools would be closed.

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It failed last year, because I was not here to push it. Consequently the Commis-
sioner holds on to me - A second
failure would be disastrous.

As by the time Arithmetics would reach you, it will nearly be the close of the term, I will not send you any now.

However as I wrote you on Saturday please make out a full list of all things needed to commence the fall term work, & I will try & have you supplied.

I send you by this mail the Sing-
ing book you asked for. It is the
Common property of all the Govt
Schools in Sisseton.

As to Arithmetics you can teach from the Blackboard -

The most successful schools of the Country among Indian or Native Schools allow no text books of any kind for the first 2 or 3 years. All the teacher needs is a Blackboard.

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and Charts. I hope to send you some
Salary by this mail.

As you will perceive a portion
of this letter is for Miss Powell.

Wishing you great success in your
work I remain

Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
May 31st 6

Dear Bro Young.

Your welcome letter of
 May 13th is before me.

I had made all my arrangements
 early in the Spring to return to Alaska,
 but the Commissioner of Education
 refused to allow me to leave until the
 Alaska Educational Appropriation should
 have safely passed Congress.

Because I was not here to look after
 and push it a year ago Congress made
 no appropriation for the Alaska Schools
 A failure two years in succession will
 close them. Hence I will probably
 be kept here until July.

We have decided to locate the Govt
 School for the Longue's region at Porcupine
 And a Christian teacher & his wife have
 been secured to take charge of it.

Louis & Lillie Paul will probably (if they have not already) receive instructions to remove there and try & Consolidate the three villages at that point.

I think it is determined by the Board that Mr Millard can remove his work from Haines to Juneau. Also that Rev Joseph White is Commissioned Missionary to the Whites at Juneau; Mr Millard giving his time to the Natives.

If Bro Millard's Steam Launch is a Success, I will propose to him that he take all the Ministers to Jackson for a meeting of Presbytery early in Sept, at which time (D.V.) I expect to have the privilege of meeting with you.

Please to change the address of my "Glacier" from Galisburg Ill to Care of Miss McAvoy Waukegan. That is let Miss McAvoy put a copy each month away for me & keep until I come.

The family will all be away from

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Salebury this Summer & I am afraid I will lose it. I expect to have it bound up as a Contribution to Mission history.

I wrote you early in the winter for statistics of the Mangell Church, but not receiving any reply, I was compelled in the Statistical Report to the General Assembly to give the Statistics of last year with a star.

It is very hot & enervating here & I will be glad to get back to Alaska. Rev C. Parker, wife & 3 children & Lady teacher have sailed for St Michael. They are from Eugene City Oregon (Episcopal). Prof Roscoe & wife of California take the school at Kodiak.

Prof Miller & wife of Alabama go to Alaska. Dr H. H. White who taught last winter in the City Schools of Knoxville Tenn, will take charge of the school at Juneau.

Rev. H. E. Wolff has started for Fort Alex-
ander, Nukhaguk River. I am now
negotiating for teachers at Inga, Bel Kipper
+ Atka (Chagan). All of them however de-
pendent on the appropriation.

Please remember me very kindly to
Mrs Young. Your Brother, & Housekeeper
and Kiss the dear children for me.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

May 31st 6

Rev Bro W. M^c Farland

Unalakleet Alaska

Dear Brother

Your letter of May 12th is
very welcome. I Congratulate you
on the arrival of a daughter.

Some of your friends felt very anxious
for Mrs M^c F. and prayer was made
for her.

We trust she is again in
her usual health. I was also very
glad to receive your School report -
You had the largest attendance in Alaska
I will write at once urging the Board
if possible to get a Lady teacher to come
on the boat that will leave the Sound
about the middle of July.

The Board has commissioned Rev
Joseph White to the Americans at ~~Unalakleet~~
& Rev Willard to the natives.

While you are at Juneau, please look after Church interests as much as you can until Bro Millard or White arrive.

I had arranged to have returned to Alaska early in the Spring, but the Commissioner of Education would not allow me to leave until the Appropriation for Education in Alaska is safely through Congress. This will probably detain me here until July.

Because I was not here a year ago to look after & push the Claims of Alaska Congress made no appropriation for schools. A failure two years in succession will close them. Hence I am kept here.

The weather is hot & enervating & I would be glad to be back in a cooler country.

Kind regards to Mrs M^{rs} and a kiss for the baby -

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson.

Washington D.C.

May 31st 6

Miss Marion B. Murphy

Bureau Alaska

Madam

When you have kept school 250 days from June 1885 (This is actual school days not counting Saturdays, Sabbaths or holidays in which there was no school) you will close the school for the summer vacation.

When school closes please make out a list of all the school property & mail me at Bureau of Education Washington D.C. Such as desks, stove, shovel lamps, readers, histories, charts, pencils, slates (so many broken, so many in good order) pictures &c. &c. &c.

After which please pack the movable articles securely away in the closet - lock them up. (as you will be responsible

for them until they are turned over to your
Successor and receipted for)

Then fasten the school house up as
securely as possible. If Rev Mr Willard
has reached Juneau, you can turn over
the Key of the school room to him.

Dr A. H. White, who taught in the City
Schools of Knoxville Tenn, has been appointed
principal teacher at Juneau for next
year.

I presume however that he
will need you for an assistant. if you
are to be had. It is rumored here
that you are to be married.

I presume Dr White ^{& wife} will not reach
Juneau before Sept.

Trusting that the past has been a
profitable & not unpleasant year I
remain

Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Kind regards to your parents. I mail you
a copy of my report.

Washington D.C.

May 31st 18

Miss Sarah M. Dickinson

Heines. Alaska

Madam

When this reaches you, you will please close the school for the summer.

Make out a list (I mail me care of Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.) of all school property in your possession - ie - desks. Stove, lamps Chimnies books, Charts, pictures &c. &c. &c. &c.

You will also please pack the movable things securely, & fasten up the room, until Mr Willard comes up.

The blank vouchers duly signed was received, but no reports of monthly attendance since January. Consequently I am unable to send you a check for your salary. The Government does not pay until after the

reports are received. Please as soon as
you can, send me your reports of monthly
attendance in duplicate for February &
back succeeding months to the present.

Please remember me kindly to your
parents.

Wishing you have had a pleasant
& profitable year in teaching I remain

Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson.
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

May 31st 6

Louis & Lillie Paul.

Your good letter of March 16th has just been received and I was very glad to hear from you.

I am very glad to hear that Samuel is well again. I hope all the children will keep well & grow up to love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please take your book that you keep your school roll in & make it out and mail to me a report of all the months you have kept school since last fall - That is write me how many boys, how many girls & how many grown up people came to school last September. And how many in October and how many in November, - and in December - and in January - and in February - March - April - May

and June I want each month by
itself - so that I can put it in a printed
book.

Tell all the people that we will not
build the school house at Port Chester,
but at Loring, where Mr May Pracht-
has a Canner. That is the place for

you to go & build you a good log house
if you tell him I sent you there, Mr
Pracht will show you a good place to
build. Loring is a good place for

all the people to go & build their houses.
and live like white people.

The Lord Bless & Keep you and
your family and make all the people
listen to the Bible.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.

May 31st 6

Louis & Lillie Paul

I send you two letters to day
one to Port Lorgass & one to Loring.

I think I wrote you that we would
build the school house at Loring, where
May Pracht has a Salmon Cannery.

We will not build at Port Chester,
but have all the Indians go to Loring
and build. And you will move
to Loring & do your work there.

The letter sent to Port Lorgass will
tell you more about it.

I hope you are all well & doing
well -

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Education of Children in Alaska
Education

Sheldon Jackson

Wm. H. Gardner
Acting Commissioner

June 1st 6 For services as General Agent
of Education in Alaska
at a salary of \$1200⁰⁰/₁₀₀ per
Annum for the month of
May 1886

\$102 20

June 1st 6
One hundred and two ²⁰/₁₀₀
Sheldon Jackson

Education of Children in Alaska
Education

George Nowell

Acting Commissioner

June 1st For rent of log house as
School building at Juneau
Alaska at \$15 per Month

For March 15.00

" April 15.00

" May 15.00

\$ 45.00

June 1st to
Forty five, 00, 00 —

Education of Children in Alaska
Education

Marion B. Murphy

Acting Commissioner

June 1st 6 For Salary as teacher
of U.S. Public School at
Juneau Alaska at
\$40 per month

March

40.00

April

40.00

May

40.00

120.00

June 1st 6

One hundred and twenty

Education of Children in Alaska

Lyda M^c Avoy

Acting Commissioner

June 1⁶ For salary as teacher of
U.S. Public School at Fort
Wanagell, Alaska @ \$600
per annum

March	51.70
April	49.50
May	57.00

April 19 To Andrew Schulze for two Cords of wood. Cut & split	12.00
	\$164.20

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One hundred and sixty four ²⁰/₁₀₀

Washington D.C.
June 1st 6

Miss E. Patten

Sitka Alaska

Madam

When I came to make out
 a voucher for your salary I found
 that there were no signed blanks -

Please sign the enclosed & return
 them to the office at once -

I have been under the impression
 that blanks were sent you to Chicago
 for signing. If so I can not find them.
 I regret this delay very much -

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Fund for the Education of Children in Alaska
Statement

Paid out up to June 1 st 1886.	\$ 11,359.83
Due on Salaries June 30 th "	2,536.00
* Due on Contracts	4,500.00

* The Commissioner of Education made Contracts for three schools in Western Alaska at \$1500 each, the part of which was to be due until the close of the financial year.

In 9 schools in South Eastern Alaska & 1 at Unalaklika there were 681 pupils in attendance during February 1886.

In addition to the above there are about 70 children in the Sitka Training School & 68 in schools on the Seal Islands (The latter schools not under Bureau of Education) And about 100 at Bethel making about 919 children in school in Alaska.

June 7 6
State Supt. Pub. Inst.
Sioux Falls
Sakota.

June 7 6
Com. of Pub. Instr.
at
R.I.

June 7 6
St. Paul,
Minnesota.

Report of the Pub. Schools
of Dakota for 1885

Report of the Public Schools
of Rhode Island for 1886.

Report of the Public Schools
of Minnesota for 1884.

Sheldon Jackson
Gen. Agent of Ed'n in Alaska. 7A.12.

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June 7 6
State Supt. Pub. Inst.
Concord,
N.H.

June 7 6
State Supt. Pub. Inst.
Lincoln.
Nebraska

June 7
State Supt. Pub. Inst.
Springfield.

Report of the Public Schs
of Maine, 1885

Report of the Public Schools
of Nebraska for 1884.

Report of the Public
of Vermont for 1884.

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Gen. Agent of Ed'n in Alaska.

June 8th

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F. L. Carrol,
Grand Rapids,
Mich.

Dear Sir:

Your telegram of last night received. Dr. Jackson is out of the city at present, his address being No. 345, N. Keellogg, St. Galisburgh, Ill.

Mr. Wm. St. Gardiner, Chief Clerk of this Bureau, informs me, however, that if Gov. Swineford has not been confirmed, he undoubtedly will be.

Very respectfully,
F. A. Reigart.

Sheldon Jackson
Commissioner
Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Commissioner
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Report of the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs for 1885

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Sheldon Jackson
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
J.A.R.

Sheldon Jackson
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
J.A.R.

Washington D.C.

June 21st 6

Louis Paul

Port Longass.

Dear Brother

I enclose you a blank
for your school report, which you
will please fill out and then return
to me. As your school is all natives
the columns marked Americans, Creoles
& half breeds, you need not fill or pay
any attention to. Fill out each month
by itself. Hoping you are getting
on well,

I remain your Brother in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

June 22 6

Geo B. Johnston

Killisnoo. Alaska

Dear Sir

Your letter and reports received
I enclose you a blank report which
you will please correct, fill out and
return to me. In the Column of
boys & girls, please include boys & girls
Creole, and any other race as well as natives.
For Feb & March you will notice I have
placed the Creoles in by guess. Please make
it correct.

Your comments on your insuffi-
cient accommodations are noted.
If Congress does not supply sufficient
money to build a school house, we will
probably be compelled to suspend the
School for the present.

Very yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

June 22 6

Hon John D. Long

House of Representatives

Dear Sir

I am glad to hear that you propose moving as an Amendment to the Sundry Civil Bill, an appropriation for Education in Alaska.

If any one again makes it a point of order that "it is new business." You can quote them Section 13 of the Organic Act "Creating a Civil Government for Alaska" in which it is made a law that the Secretary of the Interior shall make needful & proper provision for the Education of the Children of School age in the Territory of Alaska without reference to race, until such time as permanent provision shall be made for the same, and the sum of \$25,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary

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is hereby appropriated for the purpose."

Schools in Alaska were created by Congress And an appropriation made to carry them on. And now the Secretary of the Interior Comes (page 62. ~~Enter~~ Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting estimates of Appropriations) and asks for \$25,000 to carry on the Schools & thus fulfill the duties which Congress has laid upon him.

Call their attention to the fact that if Congress fails to make provision, the Schools must Close, & the teachers that have gone out on the good faith of the Government will be left 3000 to 4000 miles from home & out of Employment; And the 1000 Children (There were 919 recorded in Feb last) in the Schools turned adrift again, And the School furniture & books now in rented buildings, either stored at expense or allowed to go to waste;

I do not think the American people

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Will sustain Congress in Closing the Alaska Schools - And I think Congressmen themselves will sustain an Amendment when they realize that no Appropriation Means ~~the~~ ^{the} destruction of public Schools in Alaska.

In moving the Amendment you will have the satisfaction of doing what is right, And you will have the approbation of the teachers and many of the best citizens of the United States, who are deeply interested in that Country.

Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

June 23 66

Hon John Eaton S.D.

Marietta O

Dear Sir.

In the Sub House Com^{tee} of Appropriation Sundry Civil Bill, an appropriation for Alaska Schools was voted out by one Majority. Mr Lawrence of Mich moved it is an Amendment to the Legislative Bill. Mr Randall moved the point of order that it was new business & was sustained by the Chair.

Gov Long of Mass will try it over again as an Amendment to the Sundry Civil Bill. If finally thrown out in the House it will be put on by the Senate. Although the House has cut so many things out expecting the Republican Senate to put them up, that the Senators are becoming disinclined to interfere

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Much. Both Sec Lamar & Gov Swineford
 have made some efforts for the Appropria-
 tion, but seemingly without much effect.
 Gov Swineford has reported that I would
 be removed in a few days -

Things are moving very quietly in the
 office.

Kind regards to your family

Truly yours

Wm. Jackson

Washington D.C.
June 23rd 6

Prof W. E. Roscoe

C/ Rev G. S. Abbott. P.O. Box 1528
 Oakland Cal.

Dear Sir

Your telegram of yesterday to
 Mr W. H. Gardiner Acting Com^r is rec^d

We are still in a condition of great uncertainty with reference to the appropriation for schools in Alaska. The Com^{tee} on Appropriations in the House of Representatives refused to put it in the bill. An effort was made in the House to place it upon the Bill by Amendment, which failed.

Another effort will be made this week. If we fail in the House, we will try the Senate.

Now if Congress fails to make any appropriation or makes only a small one, we will be unable to charter a

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Schooner to take the teachers up. And will be compelled to disband some of the schools and leave others unprovided for.

We will probably not know what we can do before the 10th or 15th of July.

Under the circumstances it may be well for you to see the Alaska Commercial Co and ascertain when they will probably send a vessel to Kodiak.

On the 21st of April they wrote me there would be a vessel for Kodiak towards the end of July. Now if we find out that we can not charter a Schooner, that may be the vessel for you to take. And possibly it may be better for you to take it even, if we do charter a Schooner. Look the matter over & let me know what you think.

In addition to the Alaska Commercial Co, I understand there are two San Francisco firms, one with a Salmon Cannery at Karluk on Kodiak Island.

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And the other on Cook's Inlet. - ~~I think~~
~~the name of one firm is~~ Please find out
 about them in San Francisco - Perhaps
 one or both of them will be sending up boats
 this fall to bring down the Salween -

You are now at headquarters of informa-
 tion with plenty of time on your hands,
 please procure all the information you
 can concerning all probable methods of
 transportation to Kodiak & let me know.

You will also have time to perfect yourself
 in photography - Also take some lessons
 to secure some hints in the Kindergarten
 & Industrial Schools of San Francisco.

You can employ the few weeks of waiting
 to great advantage -

Please do not neglect to forward me
 a photograph of yourself & wife.

The Lord Bless you in all your prepa-
 rations. As soon as we know whether
 we can charter the schooner I will telegraph
 you -

Very truly yours

Weldon Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C.
June 23 6

Col Y. C. Howard

Dear Sir

As you understand the importance of the Appropriation for the Alaska Schools, please see your friend the Hon H. R. Harris of Ga and ask him to see Judge Reagan of Texas in favor of the Appropriation. Judge Reagan is Chairman of the Com^{tee} of the Whole on the Sundry Civil Bill.

An effort will be made by the friends of Alaska to move an Amendment to the Sundry Civil Bill granting \$25000 for schools in Alaska. When a similar Amendment was made last week to the Legislative Bill, it was ruled out on a point of order that it was new legislation. It is probable the same point of order will be made

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to the Amendment to the Sundry Civil Bill. Therefore it will be wise for Mr Harris to see Judge Reagan in advance & show him the law that he may see that it is not new business

On the Contrary that the Appropriation simply enables the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the law made by Congress two years ago.

I enclose you a copy of the Organic Act Creating a Civil Government for Alaska.

On page 57, Section 13 the Secretary is directed to provide education for the children of Alaska. To carry out this law the Secretary of the Interior (see page 62 of the Estimates of Appropriations) asks Congress for \$25,000. This is no new legislation.

By the Authority of Congress the Secretary of the Interior has gone forward and established schools, purchased furniture & sent out teachers.

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Now if this appropriation is withheld
 these teachers who have gone out on the good
 faith of the Government will be left out
 of employment from 3000 to 4000 from home;
 the 999 Children that ~~are~~ ^{are} in the schools
 will be remanded back to ignorance and
 filth; And the school property go to ruin.

I feel sure that if Mr Harris
 will use his influence with Judge
 Reagan, that the Judge will do what
 he can to help the matter along.

I enclose you a copy of my report.

Very truly yours

Sheldon Jackson
 General Agent.

As the Sundry Civil Bill is now before
 the House, Mr Harris & Judge Reagan
 should be seen at once.

Washington D. C.

June 23rd 1886

Hon & Dear Sir

The Hon John D Long of
the Com^{tee} of Appropriations will move as
an amendment to the Sundry Civil Bill
an appropriation for schools in Alaska

As far as convenient ask your friends
in the House to vote for the Amendment.

Section 13 of the Organic "Act-Creating
a Civil Government for Alaska" makes
it the duty of the Secretary of the Interior
to make needful provision for the Ed-
ucation of the Children in Alaska

But he can not carry out the provis-
ions of the law unless Congress appropri-
ates the necessary money.

The Secretary in "Estimates of Appro-
priations. page 62, asks for \$25000
for that purpose

Call the attention of your friends
to the fact, that if Congress fails to

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Make provision for these schools, if they must close & the teachers that have gone out on the good faith of the Government will be left out of employment from 3000 to 4000 miles from home, the 1000 (919 recorded last winter) school children be turned back again to their native ignorance & filth; and the school furniture & books, now largely in rented buildings be stored at expense, or wasted.

Large numbers of the American people are interested in Alaska & will most heartily approve of Congress continuing the schools. Very few Americans ever find fault with money voted to schools.

Please do what you can for this
Appropriation

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson

Senate Ex Doc No 85
Report on Education in Alaska

Sent the preceding letter to
the following Congressmen

✓	Con. Allen D. Hyatt	Wm D. Ermentrout	✓
✓	John A. Anderson	Jno E. Halsell	✓
✓	Charles S. Baker	A. V. Parker	✓
✓	C. R. Breckinridge	C. P. Snyder	✓
✓	Wm C. P. "	L. B. Ward	✓
	~~B. Butterworth~~	W. H. Neece	✓
✓	Jacob M. Campbell	H. R. Harris	✓
✓	Thos C. Catchings	J. J. Henderson	✓
✓	A. G. Curtin	Knut Nelson	✓
✓	B. M. Cutcheon	J. E. Yarnes	✓
✓	R. H. M. Davidson	J. R. Tucker	✓
✓	Sam. Dibble	G. C. Symes	✓
	J. E. Yarnes		

Washington D.C.

June 24 6

Mr Charles W. Miller

Birmingham Ala.

Dear Sir

Yours of June 21st has just reached me. We are unable to form any plans for your support different from those written you May 13th.

The difficulty is not with the Bureau, but in the fact that the field is outside of mail communications.

How will ^{it} help you if the U.S. Treasury sends you your salary promptly every month, if there is no way for the letters & checks to reach you until March 1887?

The fact is, as I have written you several times, it is a missionary field, and no one should go that has not a willingness to make sacrifice for the sake of doing good.

But the sacrifices are in the separation from friends, not the want of a Comfortable support. The Methodist women of Boston are raising the money for your travelling expenses, and the arrangements by which you receive needful supplies at reasonable rates from the Alaska Commercial Store at Unalakka whenever you need them, obviates the disadvantage of receiving your salary only at long intervals. The Moravian have now two stations far more inaccessible than the one proposed for you and the Episcopalians one.

The Episcopalian teacher, wife, three children & servant sailed for St Michael on May 10th. Yours was the choice field of Alaska. However as you insist upon it, your resignation is accepted.

Please return me the Commission sent you - Congratulations on your Marriage
The Lord bless your work wherever you go
Sheldon Jackson
Secretary.

Washington D.C.

June 24 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett

287 Bunker Hill St
Boston, Mass

Madam

By letter received this morning Mr Charles W. Miller declines to go to Unalakha. His present address is Birmingham Ala.

It is much better for them to decline before they go, than be dissatisfied after they reach there.

It is a missionary field, and it will be a useless expense to send any one there, who has not a missionary spirit.

Before designating any one else to the field, we will now wait & see whether Congress appropriates any money.

for the continuance of the Schools.
Ex Gov Long of Mass is very earnest in
trying to secure something from the
'Order of Representatives'

I think now that our main depen-
dence is with the Senate. And the
Sub Committee of the Senate that has
the matter in charge are Mr B. Allison
(of Iowa), Eugene Hale (of Maine) and
James B. Beck (of Kentucky). If you
can reach any of the Methodists of Maine
Iowa & Kentucky to write their respective
Senators please do so at once.

It is wonderful how much work
is required to get people to do, what they
should be glad to do of their own accord.

We have the Comfort of Knowing how-
ever that much prayer & hard work
will accomplish a good deal.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson.
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

June 24 6

Prof S. A. Sayman

Yours of June 14th & 21st are before me - I returned your plans of House & School room for elaboration. They meet my approval. Cheapness with necessary comfort is a prime requisite.

As soon as Congress decides upon whether we can have an appropriation or not, I will telegraph you the result. Is there a telegraph office at Corsica? If not where shall I send telegram?

The probabilities are that we will secure \$25,000 from Congress -

It is in the Lord's hand & he answers prayer -

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C. June 24 6

Miss Virginia Doy

Oxford, Bingham Co. Idaho

Madam

Your letter of April 13th has just reached me via Sitka.

There are but two or three places in Alaska where it is suitable for a lady to live alone, so that there is a small demand for lady teachers in the Government Schools. There is a demand for ladies in connection with Mission Schools in Alaska & therefore I will forward your letter to Mrs H. E. McQuinn Secy of Woman's Executive Com^{tee} of Home Missions of the Pres^{nt} Ch. They are now looking for a lady teacher for Homer Alaska. Please correspond with Mrs McQuinn. P.O. Box 1938 New York City, N. Y. Truly yours Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

June 20th 6

Miss E. Patton

Sitka Alaska

Madam

Yours of June 8th reached me this morning. I return you your report. Please add to it the number of days taught during the month & return it to me. Also send me the number of days taught in March. Also in April. Your salary will be mailed you about the 1st of July, and will be paid up to July 1st.

I regret to be compelled to return you the enclosed voucher, as I returned one to Miss Porell last month.

The simplest way to arrange it will be to have the bill made out as I have marked it in red ink by John E. Moody

This bill will not be included in the
Remittance sent you next week -

Your salary would have been paid a
month ago if I had had your vouchers.
'However' you will receive more when it
does come.

I am glad to see that the Grand Jury
has spoken so well of your school -

I had hoped the Appropriation for next
year would warrant the erection of a
school building at Sitka, but the prospects
are not bright.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

June 25th 18

Miss Murphy

Your report for May received this morning. Please give me the average attendance for May.

When School Closes you can turn over the School room to Rev Eugene S. Willard for the vacation. Perhaps you had better take his receipt for the property which will free you from liability.

Make out a duplicate list of all things turned over to him. Send one to me & keep the other yourself -

Kind regards to your parents

Truly Yours

William Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.

June 25th 6

Rev E. S. Willard

Juneau Alaska

Dear Brother

I have written Miss Murphy that when the School closes for the Summer vacation, she will turn over the key of the School room & all the property (desks, books, slates, pencils &c &c) to you. That she is to make out duplicate receipts for you to sign - one to be mailed me, & the other retained by herself. Please see that the books, slates, pencils, maps &c are securely boxed or locked up, until they can be turned over to Dr White, when he takes the school.

If in the mean time you wish to use the School room for preaching on the Sabbath you are welcome to do so.

Dr F. H. White wrote me that for family

reasons he might be delayed in teaching
Gunnar. I wrote him that the school
must open the 1st of September, but that
I had no doubt you could arrange with
Miss Murphy or Miss Matthews to carry it
on until he arrived.

Please take charge of the two lots
purchased in last fall for the Presbyterian
Church. And if you or your Bro Joseph
build a church parsonage or Church
I would recommend you to occupy them.

Much obliged for the Communica-
tion to the Commissioner of Education.

Kind regards to your family

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent

I sent you a report a few days ago
I sent one to Mrs Millard at New Castle
but do not know whether she received
it before leaving home. My family are
summering at Petoskey Mich. Mrs J. is
in very poor health.

Washington D.C.

June 25 6

A. T. Whitford Esq

Can Toklas & Singerman
Seattle Wash Ter

Dear Sir

Yours of June 18th is before me.
I have also received & answered yours of
May 27th.

The House of Representatives are
now at work on the Sundry Civil Bill
which decides the fate of the Alaska Schools.
I will telegraph you as soon as any-
thing definite is known.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.

June 25 18

Mr May Pracht-

Loring Alaska

Dear Sir

Yours of June 10th is received
Your offer of a school room & teacher's resi-
dence until Government can build
will greatly help matters.

The Committee on Appropriations
in the House refused to report any appro-
priation - not a dollar for schools in Alaska.

An unsuccessful effort was made in the
House last week to place it on the Leg-
islative Bill by an Amendment.

An effort will be made this week to
get it on the Sundry Civil Bill.

Messrs Raudall & Holman who largely
control the Appropriations in the House
are trying to show the Country how cheap
they can run the Government & do

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it will deprive the Country of Schools.

If we fail in the House an effort will be made to get it on in the Senate.

We had hoped to have secured sufficient to have put up a number of school buildings, we will now be satisfied if we can save enough to pay salaries.

Therefore we thankfully accept your generous offer of a school room.

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

June 24

Rev L. W. Currie

Moscow Polk Co Texas

Rev & Dear Sir

Yours of May 14th has just been returned to me from Sitka. Until Congress acts upon the Appropriation bills, I can not say whether we can employ any more teachers in Alaska. In the mean time I will write to your references.

I hope you have well counted the cost. It is a hard self denying field.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Have you any children?

What is your age? and health?

The rainfall in Alaska is over 87 inches a year

Washington D.C.

June 24 6

Rev R.L. Datney D.D.

Austin Texas

Dear Brother

The ~~Rev~~ L.W. Currie
of Moscow Texas, refers me to you con-
cerning himself

He wishes to go as teacher to the
Indians of Alaska - Can you recom-
mend him? Has he been successful
as a teacher in the Indian Territory &
Texas?

It is a long & expensive
trip to send a man on an experiment.

Would you encourage him to go?

Yours Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.

June 24 6

Rev S. H. Lemney

Crockett, Texas

Rev & Dear Sir

I am referred to you for information concerning Rev L. W. Currie of Moscow, Texas.

He wishes to go as teacher to the wild natives of Alaska.

Do you think he is the man for such a work, - has he energy, tact, and good judgement; has he been a success in the past?

It is a long & expensive trip to send a man on an experiment.

Yours Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agent

Washington D.C.

June 25 6

Hon John Eaton Ladd

U.S. Com^r of Education

Dear Sir

Yours of the 23rd is received.
I can carry out the Alaska plans by
leaving Puget Sound the last of July or
the 1st of August. The Appropriation Bill is
passed. The Sundry Civil Bill
is now before the House & it is long
has the Alaska School Appropriation
in Charge.

The Grand Jury at the May
Term of Dist Court of Alaska made
favorable mention of the Condition
of the Sitka Schools. I will send
you a copy, when copied. I have
given Col Long a copy.

Wm May Probst Sept 1 of the

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Manion, Lumber Mill & Improvement
Co. of Loring Alaska offers us the
use of a new building 24 x 40 feet
suitable for both residence of teacher
& school room.

I think I wrote you that Mr
Brady offers us the use of his Steam
School at \$12.00 per month.

It is now on Pugh Sound being fitted
up with a new cabin. And is by far
the cheapest arrangement we can
make.

Mr Charles W. Miller (Metta) of
Grant University Athens Tenn. is
going to Unalakleet.

Miss Fletcher is improving. Hope
you will have a pleasant com-
mencement.

Kind regards to Jessie
Very Yours
William Jackson

Washington D.C.

June 25 6

Miss May Ransom

107 Guerrero St. San Francisco
Cal.

Madam

Yours of June 18th, also of
several weeks ago received.

I have already written you in reply
to your former letter, that as the Govt
Schools are largely in villages of Indians
with no suitable place for a lady to live
we are compelled to send out women
as teachers.

I have sent your
name to the Woman's Executive Com-
mittee of Home Missions P.O. Box
1738 New York N.Y. who employ lady
teachers in connection with their
Alaska Missions and trust you may
hear favorably from them.

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
President Board

Washington D.C.
June 25th 6

Dear Bro Kelly.

You will receive by this mail a check for the balance of rent on Ranch School (\$18) and the pay for the 100 School desks (\$600)

Please have the desks done up in packages ready for shipment at short notice. They have them stored, where they will not be injured, until wanted.

There should be a half dozen good blackboards also ready.

As this will be about all the money you will receive in this time for perhaps a year to come, you will need make your plans accordingly. Lay aside sufficient to meet all your obligations to the boys. And for extra things you may need that it is not convenient to get from

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the Board of Missions; then the ballroom
could very properly be used in your
Mechanic Hall. The money is the
earning of the Carpenter Shop and
should be used to increase the facilities
of the Shop.

When you come to build, I hope
you will consider the Advantages of
a two story building - The lower story
a boat House & the upper Carpenter
& Shoe Shop. The lower story need
not be over seven feet high. Such
a building will be much cheaper
& more lighty than two separate build-
ings.

When you come to make Contracts
with new boys, (if you do) would it
not be wiser to pledge them \$50 worth
of tools, rather than money, at the
end of their Course?

I see there has been another
Citizen Indignation Meeting about
the road - The agreement I

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Made with the Navy, only gave
 the free use of the road to the Army &
 Navy when wanted & not to the Citizens
 However we will have to bear with the
 rabble until there are a sufficient
 number of reasonable Citizens in Sitka
 to form a healthy public sentiment
 In the mean time keep the new road
 in the best of repair, so that they will
 use it from preference.

I am sorry to have to return
 this voucher again - Whenever
 any one signs a receipt by his
 mark, the signature must also
 be witnessed.

Much obliged for the petition
 sent on.

Very truly yours
 William Jackson
 General Agent.

Washington D.C.

June 25 6

Mr Carl Spurr

Your bills have been
Audited and sent to the disbursing
Office for payment. I hope you will
receive your check all right by this
Mail -

Much obliged to you for your trouble
in the matter.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C. ¹⁰
June 23 - 6

Miss Sarah M. Dickinson

You will receive by this
 Mail a check for three months salary.
 which squares the account up to the
 1st of March.

No more will be sent until we
 receive your school reports.

None have been received since Janua-
 ry.

I have already written you to close
 the school until fall. - Make out a
 list of desks, books, pencils &c in your
 possession and send the same to me.

I have sent you care of Messrs Kochler
 & James a copy of my printed report
 with a picture of your school building.

Kind regards to your parents

Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

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Upon the Close of School, please
Make out an Annual Report of your
School work since you commenced
School last September. Give the
whole number of different pupils
Also any interesting incidents
Connected with the work. Your
Trials & encouragements &c. &c.

I Mail you the reports of the
teachers from Hampton Va -

This Report is in addition to
the report of School Attendance
&c required for each separate month.

Washington D.C.

June 25 6

Dr S. E. Brown

This Bureau have no
Copies of Petroff's Report for ^{general} distribution
else it would give us great pleasure
to comply with your request.

They are distributed by the Interior
Department. Please send a request
to the Secretary of the Interior.

I mail you a couple of pamphlets
on Alaska -

Very Truly Yours
Theodore Jackson
General Agent

Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.

June 25th 86

Rev M. L. Notesstein

Canaan, Wayne Co. Ohio

Rev & Dear Sir

Yours of June 14th is just received. The Appropriation providing for the Alaska Schools from July 1886 to June 30 1887 has not yet passed Congress & until that is done, we can not say how many teachers we shall need. In the mean time you

can inform yourself of the Country.

I Mail you one or two documents on the subject Alaska Climate is like that of England, rainy & foggy. Tendency to pneumonia & Consumption.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agent.

D. Stettin's Alaska which I mail you, you will
 please return to me when you have read it. Sheldon

Washington, D.C.
June 28th 6

Gen John D Lane

I thank you for
your strong effort to secure schools
for Alaska on Saturday.

We must now look to the Senate
& the Congress Com^{tee}.

The New England Man. Socy. Mr. M.,
is on the Sunday School Com^{tee}.
If you have influence with him, please
let him.

The New England Journal of Edu-
cation (Boston) will give you credit
for your efforts in this direction.

Very truly yours

Silvestre J. Jackson

Washington D.C.

Jan. 28th 1878

Hon Wm C. F. Buckinridge M.C.

Dear Brother

Many thanks for
your advocacy of the Alaska School
appropriation.

We must now look to the Anti
Free Conference Committee.

Mr Beck of Ky is on the Anti
Sub Com^{tee} of the Sunday Bisc Bill.
If you can do anything with him
on the subject, please see him.

Yours Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington, D.C.

June 28th to
Hon Geo W. Symes M.C.

Many thanks for your
advocacy of the Alaska Land bill sym-
positional in Saturday; Also for your
very kind statements with reference
to the work.

We must now push it in the
Senate. If you find it conven-
ient please see Senator Allison on
the subject.

Kind regards to Mrs Symes -

Truly yours

William Jackson

Washington D.C.
 June 28th 6

Hon B. M. Cutcheon

Many thanks for your
 strong advocacy on Saturday of
 a school appropriation for Alaska.
 We must carry the matter
 to the Senate.

If it is not asking too much
 of you, please see Senator Allison
 in behalf of this appropriation.
 Very truly yours

William Jackson
 General Agent

Washington D.C.
June 28th 11

Hon^{ble} Mr. M. Brown M.C.

Many thanks for your
 effort in endeavor to secure justice
 and schools for Alaska

Very Yours
 Stephen Jackson
 General Agent

Washington D.C.
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Hon Saml R. Peters M.C

Many thanks, for your efforts
on Saturday to secure justice and
schools to Alaska.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
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Wm H. Nelson

Many thanks for your
 influence on Saturday to secure
 justice & schools for Alaska

Truly yours

Wm Nelson
 General Agent

Washington D.C.
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Hon^{ble} Thos Ryan M.C.

Many thanks for your
 effort on Saturday to secure an ap-
 propriation for Schools in Alaska.

You must now go to the Senate
 & a Conference Committee

If you have influence with Sen
 Allison please see him in person

I hope that you or Gov Long may
 be placed on the House Com^{tee} of Conferees

Very Truly Yours

Stedden Jackson

Washington D.C.

June 28 6

Hon Albert S. Mills M.C.

Many thanks for your efforts to secure an appropriation for Education in Alaska

We must now look to the Senator Mr Beck of Ky is on the Senate Sub Com^{tee} of the Sundry Civil Bill.

If you can do anything with him, please see him in person on the subject.

It will be a national disgrace to have the School work so well commenced now discontinued in Alaska

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

June 28 6

Prof S. A. Fayman

Corsica Pa

Dear Sir

I send you the Record, showing how Mr Randall of Pa defeated the Alaska Appropriation in the House on Saturday. I do not yet give up, but hope to save the day in the Senate.

It may be well for you to write Hon James Donald Cameron & Hon John I. Mitchell Senators from Pa and ask them to call upon Senator Wm B. Allison Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee & ask him to ~~make~~ place the Alaska Schools upon the Appropriation Bill. (Sundry Civil)

This will keep us in uncertainty some time longer, but the Lords rule.

Hedy Jones Secretary

Washington, D. C.

June 28 6

W. H. Corwell Esq

Dear Brother - I send
you a marked copy of the Congressional
Record in which Mr. Randall fought
the Alaska School appropriation.

Is there no way in which his friends
can reach him? He is greatly
injuring himself before the Country by
his course; for people may say what
they will, there is a large number
of voters in the Country and in Pa
who are interested in the Alaska Schools.

You chided me some time ago
for not expressing greater confidence
in Mr. Randall's disposition to help
the Alaska Schools. You see my fears
were well founded.

Your Brother in Christ
Helden Jackson

Washington D.C.

June 28. 6

Hon John Eaton

Comr' of Education

Dear Sir

I mail you a copy of the
Congressional Record which gives the
discussion in the House on the Alaska
School Appropriation.

I think we can save it in
the Senate. We did better in the
House than I expected.

Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
 June 28th 6

Mrs Andrew Pollard

14 Tremont Temple Boston

Madam

Ex Gov Long on Saturday made
 a vigorous effort to Amend the Sunday
 Civil Appropriation Bill & give \$250,000
 to Alaska - but was defeated by a tie
 vote. The last hope left us is to
 carry it in the Senate. Please let
 your auxiliaries & friends in Maine
 writing to Hon Eugene Hale, Senator
 from that State! The Massachusetts
 friends to Senator Henry L. Dawes
 and the Iowa friends to Senator Wm
 B. Allison & the Kentucky friends
 to Senator James B. Beck - all
 of them on the Senate Committee of
 Appropriations. Ask the Auxiliaries
 also to make special prayer that God

will give this appropriation favor
in the eyes of Congressmen -

Your Bro in Christ -

Sheldon Jackson.
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
June 28th 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett

287 Bunker Hill St. Boston.

Madam

Your postal received - Mr. Miller objects to going to Unalaska because he can not receive his salary until next Spring. I enclose you his letter which you will please return to me.

I had arranged that he could procure supplies at the Alaska Commercial Co's Store at Unalaska & they would wait for their pay, so that the want of his pay, would not make any difference whatever in his household comforts. I have twice written him all the circumstances, but he does not seem to have comprehended them. And I suspect the reason given is not the real one.

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The Bureau will pay every three months
but the trouble is, that there is no mail
to Unalakka to carry the checks for the
pay, between Sept 86 & March 1887.

I mail you to-day the Congressional
Record. You will notice that Ex Gov
John D. Long did what he could.

I think it would do good for your
Ladies to send him a vote of thanks
for his efforts. We were as you see
defeated in the House. We must

Now give attention to the Senate & try
and save the day. Hon Eugene Hale
Senator from Maine is on the Senate
Com^{tee} of Appropriations, Can you
write to Mrs Pollard & Mrs Gray of the
Baptist Woman's H. M. Soc. My friend
Temple ~~will~~ set all the people of
Maine to writing letters to Mr Hale
Do what you can in the matter.

If no appropriation is made
I can not say that a teacher will
not be sent to Unalakka - I can

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Only say, one may not, and if he is
 he will be crippled in a manner for
 the want of things that we will have
 no appropriation to supply him.

It will be a very serious matter for
 all parties concerned if no appropri-
 ation is made for Alaska.

If you have Auxiliary Societies
 or Ministers that can be reached
 in Maine, let them to writing Senator
 Hale. — In Mass let the friends
 to writing to Senator Dawes, & in
 Iowa have them write Senator ~~James~~
~~Allison~~ Wm B. Allison.

When you have read the "Record"
 please show it to the Baptist W. M.
 Ladies at Mount Temple.

Very truly yours

Alfred Jackson
 General Agent

Washington D.C.
June 30 6

Miss Elizabeth Patton

Sitka Alaska

Madam

I regret to have to return
another voucher.

Where a voucher is signed by
a clerk, the U.S. Treasury Depart-
ment also requires the signature
of a witness.

Your bill for salary up to June
30th will be sent to the Distributing
Officer to-day and I trust the check
for \$281 may be on its way to-morrow.

I also enclose you some blank
receipts for signing as we are now
out of those signed by yourself -

Very Truly Yours

Stephen Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C. th
June 30 6

Rev E. de Schweinitz LL.D
 Bethlehem Pa

Dear Brother

The Contracts for Bethel
 & Fort Alexander were safely received.
 And will be attended to in due time.

The House of Representatives last week
 refused to make any appropriation
 for Alaska ^{Schools} whatever. However I
 hope we may yet secure something
 through the Senate. If we fail,
 then the Commissioner will probably
 renew the Bethel Contract (as we will
 have a balance sufficient to pay that)
 and ask you not to commence the
 Fort Alexander School until the Spring
 of 1887 ^{as you already have your mind.} by which time we can secure
 more from Congress. This will give us
 a year to more thoroughly influence

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Congress. If we fail this Congress
and the Commissioner of Education will
allow me, I will organize an influence
through the Country at large that will
compell attention by the Next Congress.

If you have the time it will do good
for you to write a letter to Senator James
Donald Cameron & Senator John Schuchert
of your state asking them to see Members
of the Senate Appropriation Committee
and ask that ~~proo~~ an appropriation
be made for the Alaska Schools -

Tell them that the Moravians, Pres-
byterians, Episcopalians & Baptists
of Penna are particularly interested
in this appropriation.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

June 30 6

Hon John Eaton

U.S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

I enclose you the Contract (in quadruplicate) for the Bethel School Alaska. The teachers are there at work and we can not get word to them to recall them (if we should wish to do so) before June or July 1887. Consequently there is nothing else to do, but renew the Contract. If Congress should fail us entirely this session, the balance on hand, will enable us to pay this and similar liabilities for another year.

When convenient please sign in the presence of two witnesses and return to this office & we will attach the office seal.

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Senator Dolph Yesterday offered
an Amendment to the Indian Civil
Bill of \$50,000 for the Alaska Schools.
I feel sure we shall receive \$25,000.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Rev Wm S. Langford D.D.
Episcopal Mission Soc

Dear Brother

I Mail you to-day the Congressional Record giving the proceeding of the House of Rep^s in which they refused to make any appropriation for schools in Alaska. As you will see by the record Mr Randall of Phil^a is largely to blame for that.

It is still possible to save the appropriation in the Senate & to that we must now address ourselves.

I find that the following Senators are either Communicants in or attendants of the P. E. Ch. John Sherman - McButter - Wilkinson - Call - Johnson - Camden - Wade Hampton - James L

Pugh. — and Wm Sewell.

It would be of service if you could send a circular letter to each of those Senators saying to them that the Protestant E. Ch of the United States has mission work in Alaska & is interested in the Schools in that Section and that you hope they will see the Senate Com^{tee} on Appropriations & use their influence to have an appropriation made for the Alaska Schools.

A failure in the Appropriations will close most of the Schools — and must not be allowed, if it can possibly be prevented.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Is Mr King in Washington?
If so, where?

Washington D.C.,
June 30th 18

Drs Kendall & Roberts
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I Call your attention
 to the proceedings of the House of Rep
 (Record mailed you to-day) on Saturday
 in which they refused to make any ap-
 propriation for Schools in Alaska.

Our last hope for this session is
 now in the Senate

It will be of service if you will
 write a joint letter to ^(each) Senators S. J. R.
 McMillan and Benj Harrison;
 and for Dr Kendall to write his friend
 Senator Joseph R. Hawley.

State the interest you have in the
 Alaska Schools & ask them to use their
 great influence with the Senate Com-
 mittee on Appropriations in behalf
 of an appropriation for the Schools of

Alaska; Also if Dr Roberts can
reach Senator Eugene Hale of Maine.
Sen Hale is on the Sub Com^{tee} of Appropri-
ations that has to do with the Alaska
Schools -

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Education in Alaska

Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill
 "For the Education of the Children
 of School age in the Territory of Alaska \$50,000"

Memoranda

1st The Secretary of the Interior is required
 by law to establish Schools in Alaska

"An act providing a civil government
 for Alaska. Section 43.

That the Secretary of the Interior
 shall make needful and proper provision
 for the Education of the Children of School
 age in the Territory of Alaska without re-
 ference to race until such time as perma-
 nent provision shall be made for the same

2nd Provision for carrying out the law.
 \$25,000 was appropriated by the
 48th Congress 1st Session

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3rd Reason for no appropriation by the 48th Congress. 2nd Session.

The first year was spent by the Secretary of the Interior in deciding the best method of complying with the law. And there were no schools under the law.

Therefore the Secretary had the appropriation for 1884 & 5 to use in 1885 & 6 and did not need another.

The schools in operation during 1885 & 6 have been supported by the appropriation of 1884 & 5.

4th Present Condition. The Secretary of the Interior asks for \$25,000 (See printed Estimates page 62) to carry on the schools.

It should be noted however that the U.S. Commissioner of Education, whose official position requires him to execute that law & keep informed of the necessities of the service recommends an appropriation of \$50,000. (See report of Secretary of the Interior page 85)

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It should further be noted that the Governor of the Territory recommends \$50,000 for the Common day Schools. (See Report of the Governor of Alaska page 5)

5th The present Congress has appropriated in the Indian Bill \$20,000 for the support of Indian pupils of both sexes at Industrial Schools in Alaska. This sum furnishes a training to only about 175 children in boarding schools.

The \$50,000 asked for, ^{in the Sundry Civil Bill} is for Common day Schools for the 10,000 children that can not be accommodated in the Industrial Schools.

They are entirely distinct Systems of Schools under different Bureaus.

The Indian Industrial Schools under the Indian Bureau; & the Common Schools for the masses, - the children of the Whites, Russians, Aleuts, Chinaman & native alike, without distinction of race, are under the Bureau of Education

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6th Number of Children of School age in Alaska. As near as can be ascertained from the imperfect Census report of 1880 there are about ten thousand Children between the ages of 6 and 21.

Of the above about 2000 are Children of American, Russian & Aleute parentage who are by the terms of the Treaty with Russia United States Citizens.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska Classes the Thlinget-Natives of South Eastern Alaska as also Citizens. This adds 2000 more to the Children of Citizens. There is therefore from 2000 to 4000 Children of American Citizens that are to be provided with Schools.

7th These people are left without a legislature or any legal method of providing for Schools for themselves. While in this condition Congress has already agreed to provide them Schools & the Appropriation is asked in order to carry out the law.

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8th If the appropriation fails, then the Schools must close. Teachers (some of them Ladies), who have gone out in good faith supposing of course that Congress would make adequate provision for the Schools until the Territory could take care of them, will be left out of employment from 3000 to 4000 miles from home; Nearly 1000 Children (that were in School the past year) will be remanded back to ignorance & idleness; School desks, books & Appliances now largely in rented buildings will be destroyed or stolen; And the good work already done be largely lost. I fear the House of Representatives doing what they left out ^{did not consider what they were} the annual appropriations for the Alaska Schools.

9th Alaska is paying into the U.S. Treasury about \$325,000 per annum, and since it is a little thing to ask that \$50,000 of that sum shall be set apart to continue the Schools established by law.

10th Present efficiency of the Schools -
The Grand Jury at the May term of Court in their Annual Report thus speak of the Schools.

Report of the Grand Jury of the District
Court of the United States for the District of Alaska.

May Term 1886.

We have visited the school at Seward and
visited the school. We have been much pleased with the
work. The Indian school is gradually winning its way to the
favor of the natives. The white school is largely attended,
and much interest is manifested by its pupils in their studies.

The Indian school under charge of the Presbyterian Mission
Board seems to be well conducted, and all the school are
under good discipline, and evidently are improving much.
A proper government building, however, should be pro-
vided for the Indian school, as the present (a rented) one is
not at all suitable or comfortable. That used for the white
children is not conveniently located or sufficiently large.
It is desirable that a new building should be erected suffi-
ciently large to accommodate the increase of attendance, and
in a locality affording convenient play-ground, which should
exist in the neighborhood of the building now used.

Washington D.C.
July 1st 6

Hon Wm B. Allison

Chairman of the Senate
 Committee on Appropriations

Hon & Dear Sir

In connection with an
 Amendment to the Sundry Civil Appropri-
 ation Bill sent to your Committee by Senator
 Dolph making provision for the continuance
 of the Government Schools in Alaska
 permit me to lay before you the enclosed
 Memoranda together with a copy of the
 Report on Alaska Schools, the Report of the
 Secretary of the Interior 1885, and Report
 of the Governor of Alaska 1885.

If there are any further questions
 you would like answered please let me
 know.

Very Truly Yours.

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.

July 1st 6

Gen Joseph H. Dolph

U.S. Senate

Went & Dear Sir

On the subject of an appropriation for the continuance of the public Schools in Alaska I submit to your consideration the enclosed Memoranda, together with the Report of the Secretary of the Interior for 1885, the Report of the Governor of Alaska 1885. And my School Report (Sen Ex Doc 85).

Please keep clearly before the Senators that the \$20,000 in the Indian Bill is for Industrial ^{Boarding} Schools like those at Sitka & Fort Wrangell, and that the largest number the \$20,000 would provide for, would be only about 175 to 200 out of the 10,000 children in Alaska

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— That the \$50,000 asked for in your Amendment is to continue the Common Schools which Congress directed the Secretary of the Interior to establish — that these Common Schools, like those in the States, are for the Masses — Whites, Russians, Aleuts, Crooks, Natives & Chinamen without distinction of race:

That the \$20,000 appropriated to the Indian Industrial Boarding Schools do not reach the 2000 Children of the civilized population of Alaska at all.

If there are any questions that you think of, that you would like answered, please let me know.

Wishing you all success in this important Amendment, I remain

Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.

July 2nd 6

Hon Lewis Brach

House of Representatives

Dear Sir

Your request through Mr Clark for a copy of my report on Education in Alaska is received.

It gives me pleasure to comply with your request.

There is so much ignorance concerning Alaska that the report should be in the hands of the public, far more generally than it will be.

A concurrent resolution is now before the Senate Printing Com^{tee} for an extra edition of 4000 copies.

Thank you for your influence with the House Com^{tee} on Printing.

In the first edition this Bureau was not allowed any, and the copies

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That I have been able to furnish have
been paid for from my private funds.
Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

July 2nd 6

Mr Otthar Hinds

Cooper Union, 14th ave N.Y.

Dear Sir

I can not express my gratitude to you for the Book on Alaska you so kindly sent me. It will be of service to me in my educational work for that distant country and also in the preparation of a popular history, which I have in contemplation.

If at any time I can be of service to you in Washington, please write me, Care of Bureau of Education.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

July 8th 6

Went Dear Sir

The House of Representatives has failed to make any provision for the continuance of the schools in Alaska as established by law.

Unless the Senate comes to the rescue, the work so well commenced must close.

The teachers (some of them Ladies), who have gone out on the faith of the Government that annual provision would be made for the schools until the Territory could provide for them, will be thrown out of employment from 3000 to 4000 miles from home.

The one thousand children in school this past year will be turned back to ignorance and idleness.

The school property and furniture will largely go to ruin, and much

that has been done, will be lost.

Remembering your past interest in the Education of that distant region, I ask you to use your great influence in the Senate and when the Sundry Civil Bill is before you do what you can to secure an appropriation for the Alaska Schools.

I remain with great respect

Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Hon "C. W. Blair
" "H. M. Brown
" "C. D. Conger
" "J. R. Hawley
" "C. F. Maclachlan
" "M. W. Ransom
" "L. B. Vance
" "J. E. Brown

" "Com. M. C. Butler
" "Jonathan Chase
" "B. Harrison
" "S. J. R. McMillan
" "C. W. Platt
" "D. M. Sabine
" "Jas H. Wilson
" "J. Z. George

Washington D.C.

July 2 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett

287 Bunker Hill St Boston

Dear Sister

Since writing you on the 28th
I have thought that it would be well
for you to write to all the Methodist-
Liaisons.

Use Boston paper containing
the printed reading of your Society.

Write them that the Women of the
Methodist Episcopal Church of the United
States are interested in the School in
Alaska.

That you learn the
Congress of Representatives has made
no appropriation to carry them on
and that in behalf of the Woman's
Mission Society the M. E. Ch
you earnestly ask him to do what
he can, to see that an appropri

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ation is made for the Schools of Alaska
in the "Sundry Civil Bill" by the Senate.
I find the following Senators are Classed
as Methodists.

Wm John A. Logan	Wm Warner Miller
" Eli Saulsbury	" Henry M. Tilton

I may be well for you also to write
and ask the assistance of

Wm Nelson M. Aldrich (R)	Wm H. M. Blair
" Matthew Chace (R)	" Geo. A. Edmunds
" Wm P. Frye (Re)	" J. R. Hawley
" Geo. A. Hoar (Mass.)	" C. W. Matt
" ^{Martin S. Chittell}	" ^{Charles H. Pike}

All of them New England Senators.

And then remember the Cause at the
Throne of Grace.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
July 3rd 6

Mrs Arthur Pollard

Sec Baptist Women's H. M. Soc.

14 Tremont Temple Boston

Dear Sister.

The House of Representatives
 has failed to make any appropriation
 for the continuance of the schools in
 Alaska.

This will greatly affect
 all our interests. Our last hope is
 now in the Senate. They can make
 an appropriation for schools in Alaska
 in the "Lundry Civil Bill" & then ask
 the House to concur.

In order that we may not fail
 in the Senate, it is important that
 we exert ourselves to the utmost.

In this emergency I would
 suggest that you use letter paper
 containing the printed heading

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of your Society, then write a letter to each of the Baptist Senators.

Write them that the Baptist Women of the United States are interested in the Schools of Alaska.

That you have learned that the House of Representatives has made no appropriation to carry ^{them} in the ~~Schools~~ ~~in Alaska~~ and that in behalf of the Ladies of the Baptist-Women's Home Mission Soc you earnestly ask him to do what he can to secure an appropriation in the Senate "Sundry Civil Bill" for the Alaska Schools.

I find the following Senators are classed as Baptists

Hon Joseph E. Brown Hon Joseph H. Delph
" James Z. George " S. B. Mayes

It might also be well for you to write to the following Senators from New England

Hon Wilson M. Aldrich Hon W. M. Blair

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Wm Jonathan Chace	Wm Geo H. Edmunds
" Wm P. Frye	" J. R. Hawley
" Geo H. Moor	" A. H. Platt
" Eugene Hale	" Justin S. Morrill
" Justin H. Pike	

And then urge the Ladies to plead
in prayer and we will carry the day.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
July 2^d 6

Miss Alice C. Fletcher

Congratulations on your
 Success in the Senate.

So much for attending to business
 before lunch.

You ask what you can do! You
 can help pull me through the Senate.

I think that a few lines from
 you to Senators Hawley, Orville H.
 Platt, Jonathan Chase, H. L. Davis
 Henry M. Teller & others with whom
 your name is a "towering strength" will
 carry the day.

You can express to them the ex-
 pect with which you read of the
 action of the House & your joy that
 an Amendment was made in the
 Senate by Sen Dolph proposing to
 give ~~for~~ the necessary appropriation

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for continuing the Alaska Schools
So well commenced -

That you will count it a personal
favor if they will do what they can
to place it on the Sundry Civil Bill
in the Senate.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
July 8th 6

A. J. James Esq
Caldwell Texas

Dear Sir

Yours of July 3rd is received
So far Congress has failed to make any
appropriation for schools in Alaska for
the year 1886 & 7. And we do not know
whether we can employ any more teachers

If you choose however to go on our file
please send me your age - where you
were educated - what certificates you
hold, where & how long you have taught
- health - what church if any -
Married or single &c. &c.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agent.

Also references.

